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£ RALLIES AFTER U.S. WARNING

World rush for $ stemmed

THE pound bounced back in the last hour of City trading yesterday to close at $1·0535—just a quarter of a cent down—after falling almost two cents earlier.

Although sterling failed to gain ground against Continental currencies, a warning by Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the American Federal Reserve Board, helped to halt the stampede into dollars. He said the United States trade and Budget deficits could ultimately weaken the dollar and cause a precipitous decline. "It is not a pretty picture," he added.

In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher said, in the face of sustained Opposition criticism, that the scope for Government action was very limited. British interest rates had gone up to control the money supply and inflation rather than to try to shore up sterling.

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Interest rates ease

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

THE headlong fall in sterling was suddenly halted yesterday afternoon and the pound regained more than 1½ cents in the last hour of trading to close at $1·0535, just a quarter of a cent down on the day, after falling almost two cents to $1·0360 during the morning.

A reminder by Mr Paul Volcker, head of the United States Federal Reserve Board of the size of the American trade and budget deficits helped to stem the world wide rush for dollars.

But the pound failed to gain ground against Continental currencies and it closed more than three pfennigs lower against the German mark, in spite of some good British trade figures and further evidence that the miners' strike is crumbling fast.

Stocks and shares ignored the weakness of sterling, however. The FINANCIAL TIMES 30-share index rose 7·0 to 975·0.

Government stocks held on to scattered gains, and interest rates in the London money market eased, reflecting a widespread belief that a further rise in interest rates would not prevent the pound falling to below par with the dollar and would therefore be pointless.

Dollar surges then falls

Central banks made little effort to control the tidal wave of demand for dollars yesterday. The dollar surged as high as 3·4765 marks and 2·95 Swiss francs yesterday morning, and traders braced themselves for it to reach new milestones at 3·50 marks, three Swiss francs and as well as par with the pound for the first time.

At 1 p.m. the pound had reached a new all-time low of $1·0360 and its trade weighted average value had fallen 0·9 to just 70 per cent. of its 1975 level, also an all-time low.

Soon after the New York market opened, however, the flow was dramatically reversed. The dollar fell by four pfennigs in a matter of minutes and the pound rose almost two cents to $1·06 amid rumours that central banks had at last mounted a joint attack on the dollar.

In the event this seems unlikely, and traders claimed that a cut in Federal funds rate in New York, plus Mr Volcker's warning had triggered some profit taking.

The dollar rallied before the close of business, but still closed lower on balance against all leading currencies except sterling.

Trade deficit narrows

The weakness of sterling is however already helping to strengthen British exports, and make imports less competitive in British markets.

The deficit in visible trade narrowed sharply in January to £76 million from £544 billion in December. After allowing for another estimated surplus of £400 million on trade in services and dividends, the surplus on the current account jumped to £524 million.

In the latest three-month period the visible account now shows a deficit of £596 million compared with £2·3 billion in the previous three months, while the surplus on invisibles is estimated at £1·2 billion.

The trade surplus continues to depend heavily on oil exports showever. Oil exports rose a further £85 million to £1.636 million or 25 per cent. of all exports, while oil imports fell £100 million to £798 million.

In the City, however, events

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Thatcher attacked on talks with Reagan

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

WITH the pound still falling, the Prime Minister faced sustained criticism in the Commons yesterday when she reported on her talks with President Reagan in Washington last week and could give MPs no news of any immediate American action to help the British economy.

Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, told her: "You built up expectations that you could with flattery and fawning persuade the President to bail out the pound. Your complete failure is a direct reason for the current collapse in sterling."

Mrs Thatcher replied that he was "totally and utterly ignoring" that the dollar had surged against all European currencies.

She added: "There are virtually only two things one can do against a surge of currencies, and that is very, very limited indeed.

"It is joint intervention, on a comparatively small scale compared with the enormous sums moving round. And it has been done, under the Williamsburg agreement, but can only be done in a way which will make the speculators hesitate. But it is not a prolonged exercise.

"The other weapon is interest rates and I am not sure whether you are urging that they should go up."

Mrs Thatcher was attacked by Liberal and SDP leaders as well as by Labour, firstly during question time and then after she made a statement on her talks with President Reagan.

In that, she said: "I ex-

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Whitehall given code of loyalty

By A. J. McILROY

CIVIL servants were given a reminder last night that their first duty was to the minister in charge of their departments and that they had a duty to keep confidences.

The remainder came in guidelines issued by Sir Robert Armstrong, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service, who said that he regretted they had not been followed by Mr Clive Ponting, central figure in the Belgrano case.

In what was seen as a rebuke for thoise civil servants who had shown sympathy for Mr Ponting, Sir Robert had one main theme: Civil servants must do their duty and if they were in any doubt "they should transfer the burden of their conscience" to their superiors or even to himself.

Servants of Crown

He said that he had been considering for some time restating and codifying the code of conduct for civil servant. The Ponting case had "crystallised my thoughts."

In the guidelines, Sir Robert says: "Civil servants are servants of the Crown. For all practical purposes the Crown in this context means and is represented by the Government of the day . . .

"In general the executive powers of the Crown are exercised by, and on the advice of, Ministers, who are in turn answerable to Parliament.

"The Civil Service as such has no constitutional personality or responsibility separate from the duly-elected Government of the day."

The guidelines, which he said were the first restatement of the requirements on civil servants in their relationships with ministers since words on the subject by his predecessors Sir Warren Fisher before the war and Lord Bridges in the 1950s, were being distributed in a note to some 20,000 civil servants having dealings with ministers.

Mrs Thatcher, replying to a Commons question, paved the way for Sir Robert's statement.

She said: "Civil servants who carry out their duties and responsibilities in the manner described in the note are entitled to the trust, respect and support of ministers.

No rise in leaks

"In the end, it is ministers who bear responsibility for the policies and decisions of Government; but no competent minister wants his civil servants to tailor their advice to what they think the minister wants to hear.

"My colleagues and I have a very high opinion of the general quality of the advice and service we receive from the Civil Service."

At a press conference last night Sir Robert said, when asked about leaks: "I don't think there have been any more now than in the past.

"As for the number of resignations, I don't think that more than a small percentage are over dissatisfaction among civil servants with their lot."

Sir Robert said that parts of his note were relatively new but contained basic guidance which should have generally been known to Mr Ponting and others. The note merely codified the position.

"If someone was in Mr Ponting's dilemma he should have known he should go to see his permanent secretary," he said.

Asked what his advice would have been to Mr Ponting, Sir Robert said: "I do not know what I would have done. I cannot comment now on circumstances prevailing then."

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REUTER PROFITS SOAR TO £74m

By Our City Staff

The international financial services and news organisation Reuters Holdings, floated on the stock market last June, has beaten its own profits forecast.

Profits before tax for 1984 emerge at £74·3 million, compared with a forecast for £70 million, against £55·2 million in 1983.

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PARENTHOOD PRIZE

By Our United Nations Correspondent

The London-based International Planned Parenthood Federation award has won this year's United Nations Population Award, and a cash prize of £23,000, at a time when the IPPF is at loggerheads with the American administration on the abortion issue.

Malcolm Fairley, known as "The Fox," who was given six life sentences yesterday.

Action by teachers 'into next year'

By MARGOT NORMAN, Education Correspondent

INDUSTRIAL action over teachers' pay well into next year was predicted yesterday by Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

"This would result from a pursuit of our full wage claim," Mr Smithies said at a Birmingham rally as thousands of schools suffered from strike action by the two big teaching unions yesterday.

The other big union, the National Union of Teachers, is calling for a permanent withdrawal of goodwill at lunchtime after the pay question is settled.

The NUT, which claimed 100 per cent. support for the first day of its three-day strike in 26 local authorities, has now decided to ballot its 235,000 members nationwide on its continuing "go slow" after receiving an 80 per cent. "Yes" vote to the ballot the High Court forced the union to hold in Solihull.

Stated aim

The stated aim of this manoeuvre is to stop the 105 other local education authorities diverting public attention from the teachers' pay campaign by bringing a series of Solihull-style court actions.

The NUT announced yesterday that only nine of the 64 Solihull schools balloted failed to produce a two-thirds majority in favour of an indefinite work-to-rule. The union is confident of a similar pattern of support across the country.

Also as a result of Solihull's court action, the NUT is asking all teachers to stop volunteering for midday supervision altogether.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers claimed that the education of five million children had been disrupted in some way by its half-day nationwide strike yesterday.

This was with 2,000 schools having to close for all or part of the day and 20,000 others disrupted to some extent.

SOFTER FACE OF THATCHER

John Anthony, the artist, has been summoned to Downing Street because Mrs Thatcher wants earrings painted on his portrait of her to soften her image. She believes the painting shows her as "too fierce."

The 5ft x 2ft portrait, commissioned by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, John Bull, as a gift, was painted fro ma number of photographs showing Mrs Thatcher wearing earrings.

DAWSON IMPROVES

Les Dawson, 52, the comedian, who is in intensive care at the Royal Preston Hospital with a blood infection following a prostate gland operation, was continuing to improve yesterday.

INNER CITY ACTION PLAN UNVEILED

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

THE creation of five City Action Teams with the job of promoting more effectively the different Government programmes in the inner city partnership areas, was announced by Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, yesterday.

One team will serve Hackney, Islington and Lambeth and there will be separate teams for the partnership areas of Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester/Salford and Newcastle/Gateshead.

Mr Jenkin also announced that he was establishing an Urban Housing Renewal Unit to advise local councils on promoting private investment, a greater variety of tenure and more effective management on council estates.

He told the Comons that the Government was determined to improve the cost effectiveness of the various Departmental spending programmes on the inner cities.

This year the partership areas are expected to receive over £130 million through the urban aid programme, the Manpower Services Commission expects to spend about 100 million on employment and training measures and the Trade Department £35 million on helping industry.

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The Fox is given six life terms

By GUY RAIS

MALCOLM FAIRLEY, the 32-year-old hooded rapist known as the Fox, who terrorised villagers in five counties, was sentenced to six life sentences and a total of 82 years' jail at St Alban's Crown Court yesterday.

The judge, Mr Justice Caulfield, told him he had "desecrated and defiled men and women, old an youthful, in their own homes," which he then pillaged.

Fairley showed barely any emotion as, six times, the judge ttered the words "life imprisonment" on each of three charges of rape and three charges of burglary with intent to rape.

The illiterate ex-Borstal boy — a petty thief nearly all his life — was also told by the judge: "There are degrees of wickedness and depravity beyond the capacity of contemptuous description. Your crimes fall within this category."

Fairley admitted three rapes, two indecent assaults — one homosexual — three aggravated burglaries and five burglaries.

Most of the offences took place between last March and September in what became known as the "triangle of rape" formed by Tring, Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable.

Pornography-inspired

He committed a series of 79 crimes durng those months and asked for another 68 to be considered.

Referring to pornographic films, which the court heard had inspired Fairley, the judge said: "You are a decadent advertisement for the evil pornographer. They will want to forget you as oe o ftheir worst casualies."

And he said of medical reports handed in by the defence: "All these reports emphasise the relevance of pornography."

Last ight Mrs Jill Knght, Conservaitve MP for Edgbaston, called for a Governmnet clampdown o porography.

"Perhaps at least with the evidence i the Fairley case, those who support pornography being available for all wil recoginise that it is indeed a dangerous drug," she said.

Fairley, a twice-married father of three, originally from Wearside, was arrested while living with his second wife in a flat in Osney Crescent, Kentish Town.

Shocked victims

The judge said his crimes had left his victims in "utter terror and with a life-long burden of frightened memories."

Fairley's counsel, Mr Michael Connell, Q.C. described him as a man with a very inadequate persconality, who had little insight into the quality or weakness of his actions.

He had watched pornographic videos and believed people in them were actually enjoying what they were doing.

Fairley said in statements to police after his arrest: "I wanted to stop but I couldn't. I could not help myself."

Fairley's second wife was said by his counsel to have had no knowledge of his sexual activities, but was standing by him. She had refused offers of money for her story.

OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT writes: As with those jailed for life for murder, the release of prisoners serving life imprisonment for rape is at the discretion of the Home Secretary following a favourable recommendation of the Parole Board and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice and the trial judge if available.

It should be about three years before the Home Office obtains an initial view of the judiciary on the period Fairley should stay in jail before first being considered for release.

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PRINCE WARNS DIRECTORS

It is essential that public and private sectors in local communities are inter-dependent and operate in partnership, the Prince of Wales told the Institute of Directors' convention in London yesterday.

If antagonisms continue, he said, "we shall very quickly end up as a fourth-rate nation with a standard of living even lower than the rest of Europe."

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Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Mild, S. airstream.

LONDON, MIDLANDS: Cold start, fog clearing, dry, sunny spells. Winds S. or S.E., light. Max. 55F (13C).

S.E., CEN. S. & E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA: Fog clearing inland, sunny spells. Winds variable or S.E., light. 50F (10C).

S.W. ENGLAND, WALES: Patchy fog clearing inland, sunny spells. Perhaps drizzle on coasts. Winds S., backing S.E., mod. 55F (13C).

S. NORTH SEA: Winds 1-3, S.W. Sea smooth.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E.), ST. GEORGE'S CH., IRISH SEA: S. 1-3, becoming 4 or 5. Smooth, becoming slight to mod.

OUTLOOK: Rain spreading E. Showers in S.W. Temps. falling to normal.

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Coal Board near to 'strike over' declaration

By JOHN RICHARDS, Industrial Correspondent

INFORMAL attempts by the Trades Union Congress to get peace talks resumed in the 51-week pit strike appeared to have failed yesterday as another 1,464 miners returned to work.

But the total of 5,281 "new faces" in the first two days of this week brings the Coal Board within a matter of hundreds of declaring that over 50 per cent of the NUM membership are now not on strike.

At that point, which may be reached today, the board could declare the strike "over" and expect the rest of the miners to drift back to work.

There are three major signs that the strike is collapsing:

In Yorkshire, one of the major stronghold coalfields, despite yesterday's 75-to-three vote by the NUM Area Council to, continue to strive for a negotiated settlement, there were calls from at least three pits for an organised return to work.

The Durham NUM leadership is ready to call off its strike. A demand for a national return to work will be made to the union's executive in Sheffield tomorrow by Mr Dennis Stobbs, Durham miners' representative.

Leaders from South Wales are expected to urge NUM national executive members to make positive moves towards ending the pit strike tomorrow.

Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales area president, said he and his colleagues were calling for "an appraisal of the situation."

Other pit news—P2

'Testament to courage'

Mr Arthur Scargill NUM president said yesterday that the board was ignoring the fact that 80 per cent. of those who joined the strike were still out.

He said as he left a meeting with Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary: "The board have a habit of not portraying that very important fact.

"After 12 months, to say that 80 per cent. are still involved in a strike is really a testament to their courage, and their determination to save their industry."

According to the NUM's figures, said Mr Scargill, 124,000 miners out of the 186,064-strong NUM workforce were still on strike. This would mean only one-third more at work.

The union says that the board is including in its "not on strike" figures miners in Nottinghamshire, South Derbyshire, Staffordshire and elsewhere who never joined the dispute in the first place.

The TUC's approach to the board followed two days of consultations between Mr Willis and NUM leaders, including Mr Scargill and Michael McGahey, vice-president.

But it was not based on any particular new initiative, merely the apparent misunderstanding between the TUC and the NUM which led to the breakdown of last week's peace moves.

The prolonged TUC meetings, initially with the full Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday, were to try to heal relationships between the two bodies, to clarify the TUC's role in any future talks, and to run over in detail the present position, to find any grounds for a fresh approach to the board.

After a further 2½-hour meeting yesterday, Mr Scargill said: "The board can have a negotiated settlement today provided the amendments we submitted to their document are accepted."

Harking back to the talks over the weekend-before-last, the NUM chief said the board was prepared to accept amendments put up by the union.

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BRITON FACES 250 LASHES

A British engineer faces 250 lashes and two and a half years in a Saudi Arabian jail after losing an appeal yesterday against his sentence for allegedly breaking strict drinking laws.

Mr John Kelly, 43, of Overcombe Drive, Weymouth, Dorset, also has to pay a fine of £17,000 following the discovery of a liquor still in his house in Dhahran.

BOOST FOR PUBS

By Our Commercial Correspondent

Brewers plan to spend £2,021 million in the next three years to improve pubs to try to win back lost trade, it was disclosed yesterday by the Brewers' Society.

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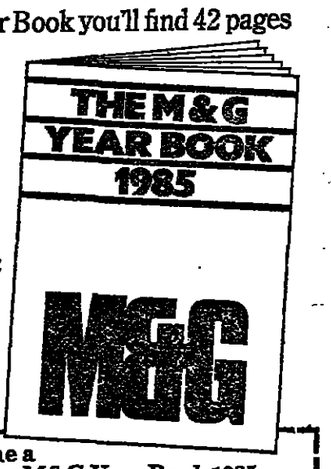

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SOUTH WALES NUM MOVE TO END STRIKE

By COLIN RANDALL

MINERS' leaders from South Wales are expected tomorrow to urge members of the N U M national executive to make positive moves towards ending the year-long pit strike.

Proud of the relative solidarity in their coalfield, South Wales N U M officials nevertheless acknowledged privately that little more is to be gained from prolonging the dispute.

Lodge officials from at least one pit, Cynheidre, where the biggest back-to-work revolt had taken place in South Wales, have already pressed for an organised returned without a settlement.

After yesterday's meeting of the area's executive at Pontypridd, Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales area president, said he and his colleagues were calling for "an appraisal of the situation in a realistic manner."

He emphasised that South Wales leaders still wanted a national decision on ending the strike. But they wanted an urgent recall of the national delegate conference to take the decisions that were necessary.

About 600 delegates from lodges throughout the South Wales coalfield are being called to a special area deegate conference on Friday, the day after the national executive's meeting.

All the sacrifices

Mr Williams was critical yesterday, for the first time, of the influence on the executive of representatives of areas which have proved less committed to the strike.

Mr Williams said: "The strike's outcome should be determined by those areas that have made all the sacrifices. Some of those who have never lost a day's work are putting their hands up like guardsmen to stay out."

DURHAM NUM READY TO CALL IT OFF

By JAMES O'BRIEN

THE leadership of the Durham National Union of Mineworkers is ready to call off its strike and its representative on the union's national executive will tomorrow demand a nationwide return to work.

Mr Dennis Stobbs, a miner at Easington colliery, said yesterday: "Many of our members want to return to work on a national basis. I shall put these views to the executive.

"I shall consider the fact that South Wales is looking for a return but I emphasise that we will not be the first back."

A meeting of the Durham executive yesterday decided to wait until Mr Stobbs reports again to a further meeting on Friday when he will explain the national executive's attitude towards the strike, following its discussions with the T U C.

'No surrender'

Delegates to the Yorkshire area NUM council meeting in Barnsley decided by 70 votes to three to "confirm the area's position to strive for and to urge a negotiated settlement."

When the meeting ended, the first delegate out shouted from the steps of the area headquarters: "There is no surrender." and about 200 demonstrators cheered their support. Mr Jack Taylor, Yorkshire union president, said later: "Too many men" had returned to work.

Six motions from collieries demanding a return to work in various forms with or without settlement agreements had been put to the meeting and each one, he said, was defeated on a vote.

Walker in new 'go back' plea

By Our Political Staff

MR WALKER, Energy Secretary, yesterday appealed to striking miners to join the thousands of miners who had returned to work to insure a good future for the coal industry.

He also re-emphasised his argument that there were high levels of coal stocks and that there would be no need for any power cuts.

He said: "More than one million tonnes of coal was moved by the National Coal Board last week, an all-time record since the coal dispute started. Coal production and coal distribution are now at levels which guarantee the security of supply to the British economy.

Substantial stocks

"In addition to continuing production and supply, there are still very substantial stocks of coal at our power stations.

"All of this is a further illustration of the futility of continuing with a dispute where the prime damage is to the coal industry, the miner, his family and his community."

Mr Walker urged them: "Those miners who want their industry to have a good future with expanding markets, high investment and a united union should join those thousands of miners who are now at work."

He also stressed the excellent offer which was contained in the document provided by the TUC to the NUM executive which, he said, "gives Britain's miners a greater influence upon decisions affecting the future of pits than they have enjoyed at any time in the history of the industry."

MEN BITTER AS HELL, SAYS BENN

The Government will not be able to claim in any meaningful sense to have won the miners' strike, Mr Wedgwood Benn said yesterday.

The former Energy Secretary, now Labour MP for Chesterfield, told a meeting of "the Foreign Press Association in London: 'The problem for the Government is that you cannot dig coal without goodwill. The people going back do not support MacGregor. They are bitter as hell. They have been starved back."

Mr Benn added: "Look also at the state of the pound. Look at the cost of the strike at £5 billion or £6 billion. The ultimate effect of the miner's strike is that the Government will not be re-elected."

JAPAN TO CURB SHIP BUILDING

By Our Shipping Correspondent

The Japanese Transport Ministry is to help Western Europe by limiting shipyard production this year to 4·1 million compensated gross tons among its 33 major shipbuilding companies in 1985.

This compares with the aim of British Shipbuilders to reach 200,000 compensated tons this year and an intake of orders of only 95,000 compensated tons last year.

Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Labour leader, joining her colleagues outside Wykeham Junior School, Neasden, yesterday when 4,000 members of the National Union of Teachers began three-day selective strikes. She said the 4 per cent. pay offer was "derisory."

Organisation shake up planned by MacGregor

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

CHANGES in the way the mining industry is organised and run are to be pushed ahead by Mr MacGregor, coal board chairman, when the pit strike ends.

The board confirmed yesterday that it was considering giving greater authority to the 12 areas, but denied that the London headquarters would be reduced to a handful of staff under Mr MacGregor.

The reorganisation is aimed at ending duplication between the headquarters and the already powerful area directors who have been the front line managers during the 51-week strike.

Headquarters support staff would be significantly reduced and consideration has been given to recruiting managers from outside the industry to try to provide "a breath of fresh air."

But the most controversial ideas under discussion include fresh incentives for face-workers, already the elite in the industry, as part of a programme to introduce profit-related payments.

Mr MacGregor wants to repeat the exercise at British Steel where he reduced the headquarters operation to a shell and pushed responsibility down the line to divisional heads.

The re-organisation, supported by non-executive board members, is seen as an important element in a post-strike drive towards producing a viable industry based more on conventional business rather than traditional State industry lines.

The board said the changes would enable headquarters staff to concentrate on establishing the overall strategy for the industry.

Top level management changes as well as organisation restructuring are in prospect once production builds up after the strike.

The Government has no intention of pushing Mr MacGregor to cut short his three-year appointment for strategic as well as tactical reasons but is looking to him to strengthen key management posts.

Mr Jimmy Cowans, deputy chairman, who has played a key role in the strike and formulating negotiating strategy, is nearing retiring age and some of the 12 area directors are also bowing out.

Posing problems

There is some pressure on Mr MacGregor quickly to appoint a chief executive, either from inside or outside the industry, to push through the reorganisation and recovery programmes.

The lack of what is seen as potential board material in the regions is posing succession problems although directors such as Mr Ken Moses, North Derbyshire, and Mr Albert Wheeler, Scotland, are in running for promotion, not least because of their performance during the strike.

Mr Michael Eaton, the North Yorkshire director, brought to London to handle Mr MacGregor's communications problems, is not seen in some quarters as a board candidate.

There has been considerable criticism directed at Mr George Hayes, the South Yorkshire area director, about the way he handled the announcement about the closure of Cortonwood which triggered the strike.

NCB UNVEILS 'HIGH-TECH' NEW MINE

The first new, high technology, mine to be put into production by the National Coal Board since the pit strike began was given a limited public unveiling yesterday. It is the £60 million "Silverdale new mine" in North Staffordshire.

The investment will guarantee the continuation of the jobs of more than 800 miners who would otherwise have lost their employment this year with the exhaustion of the old Silverdale seams. It has a potential capacity of one million tons a year at more than twice the national average productivity rate.

The colliery, like many of its neighbours in Staffordshire, has been relatively untroubled by the strike with only 45 out of a total labour force of 820 supporting Mr Scargill's policy from the outset.

OVERTIME TALKS

The 3,200 South Derbyshire miners may follow Nottinghamshire in abandoning the overtime ban. The area executive of their union is to meet today to consider it.

RAILMEN GET JOBS WARNING

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

BRITISH RAIL is to give a direct warning to its workforce of the threat to jobs if it refuses to lift the blacking of coal trains and to agree to concessions on manning and productivity.

The decision to go over the heads of the unions was made yesterday whe the National Union of Railwaymen and Aslef, the drivers' union, again refused to make concessions in either area at a meeting with British Rail.

British Rail general managers were told to hold meetings with all 24,000 staff.

In normal times 500 coal trains run every day. Only enough coal is being dug to fill 120 trains, but because of "blacking" only 40 coal trains a day are being operated.

Between 40 and 200 workers are being sent home without pay each day for refusing to handle coal trains.

Blunt message

After the meeting with the unions, Mr John Palette, British Rail's managing director of personnel, said railmen blacking coal would be told: "It's make your mind up time."

He said: "The staff work for us. It is our job to tak to the staff and that is exactly what we will do."

He said the "blunt message" British Rail was trying to get across to the staff was that jobs were in danger.

Managers will point out that the freight business needs to be made more efficient. They will point out the need for the increased use of driver-only freight trains.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the N U R, said the blacking of coal trains would continue.

Charges dropped against 21 miners

POLICE were yesterday accused of using mass arrests and rigid bail conditions to prevent picketing after charges of unlawful assembly against 21 South Yorkshire miners were formally dismissed by magistrates in Nottingham.

In addition to unlawful assembly, a common law offence which can carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, the miners also faced a number of charges of damaging property and using threatening behaviour. These were also dropped.

The men were among 57 arrested during a mass picket of Harworth colliery, North Notts, on Aug. 8 last year. The remainder will be dealt with by the court at a later date but it is understood that charges against them will also be dropped.

Mr ALAN CRAIG, solicitor for the miners, told magistrates: "Since August they have been prevented from picketing except at their own place of work. Now the cases are being dropped wholesale.

"It makes the defence, defendants and the NUM wonder why they were arrested in the first place. It suggests that the powers that be decided to usee bail conditions and wholesale arrests as a device to keep people off picket lines."

PIT HELP OFFER BY LIZ TAYLOR

Elizabeth Taylor, 53 today, who is in London for a reunion with the family of her late husband, Richard Burton, whose father was a miner, has asked organisers of the Women Against Pit Closures group what she can do to help. The women have already raised more than £500,000 for strikers' families.

Mrs Ann Scargill, wife of the NUM president and one of the organisers of the group, said it was marvellous news. "It shows what we have known all along, that the courage of the women in mining communities has inspired women all over the world."

Cemetery circled by troops as IRA men are buried

By KENNETH CLARKE in Belfast

THREE Provisional I R A gunmen, shot dead by an S A S unit on Saturday, were buried in the Ulster border town of Strabane yesterday amid tight security.

Armed police and troops ringed the cemetery and Army helicopters hovered overhead.

An ugly situation was defused by a local priest, Father Oliver Crilly, when police refused to allow the coffin of Charles Breslin, 20, said to be the local I R A commander, to be carried through the streets with para-military trappings.

The priest negotiated a compromise whereby the coffin remained draped with the Irish tricolour, but Breslin's black I R A beret and gloves were removed.

Masked men and women had fired a volley of shots over the coffin in the back garden of Breslin's home the previous night.

In addition to Breslin, two Strabane brothers, Michael Devine, 22, and David, 16 were also buried after a joint Mass but without I R A insignia.

Their father would not allow flags, berets or gloves to be placed on their coffins despite efforts by the Provisionals to stage-manage a para-military spectacle.

'Ruthless execution'

About 2,000 people walked through streets, where black flags hung from windows, to the Mass at which the officiating priest described the shootings as a "ruthless execution."

Saturday's ambush has led to renewed charges that the Army in Northern Ireland has a "shoot to kill" policy.

The police said that three rifles found on the dead men after they were shot in a field near their homes, had been used in previous I R A attacks. They said that two home-made grenade launchers were also recovered.

Yesterday's funerals were attended by leaders of Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the I R A, including its president, Mr Gerry Adams.

Mr Adams said that between 60 and 100 bullets had been fired into the three dead men.

Then, one member of the S A S "gang" walked forward and fired one bullet each at the heads of the three as they lay on the ground.

The Sinn Fein leader said the killings had been carried out with the approval of Mr Douglas Hurd, Ulster Secretary, whom he described as the head of the political wing of the British Army.

Political problems

Father Andrew McClusky, curate at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Strabane, said in a statement read out at the Requiem Mass that reactions to the deaths needed to be questioned.

There was the reaction of those who abhorred the attempt to solve political problems by violence. "They may be tempted to think that the ruthless execution of these young men is acceptable and because they were carrying guns is not open to moral question."

Father McCluskey said there should be "no hint of rejoicing" at the violent end of the three young men.

However the Rev. Ian Paisley, head of the Democratic Unionist party, last night advocated the "judicial killing" of armed terrorists.

70 printers suspended in new technology row

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS AND STAR, the Midlands evening paper which has become a showpiece of electronic production technology, has suspended 70 printers without pay for refusing to cooperate in the latest development phase.

The workers, all members of the National Graphical Association, have declined to handle classified advertising material fed into the computer by non-N G A advertising staff—the so-called single-keying operation which cuts out the intermediate N G A operator.

The company has introduced the system as a step towards achieving single-keying of editorial copy at the end of March and the completion of all-electronic production within the next 15 months.

'On their terms'

The trouble, at its Wolverhampton headquarters and a secondary printing plant at West Bromwich, to which copy is sent by facsimile transmission, has not affected the paper's production but has caused a serious rift in union-management relations.

Yesterday, following unsuccessful talks with union officials, the paper's managing director, Mr Mark Kersen, said the union has repeatedly accepted new technology in principle, "but the truth is that they only accept technology on their own terms."

The union has declared the dispute official and Mr Bob Tomlins, a national officer, yesterday accused the company of "locking out" the suspended workers.

Mr Tony Dubbins, the N G A's general secretary, charged the firm with "a blatant attempt to unilaterally impose conditions and de-unionise the company."

He claimed that all but seven of the union's members at the paper were supporting its stand and warned that single keying would be "strenuously resisted."

The paper's editor, Mr Keith Parker, said yesterday, however, that of the 147 N G A employees 70 had been suspended, 52 were working and the remainder were off work for other reasons including sickness and holidays.

The union had been offered a comprehensive package of benefits in return for accepting the new technology, he said. These included agreement that there would be no compulsory redundancy and a variety of measures to protect earnings which at present average between £200 and £220 a week.

A peace formula proposed by management includes a three-month freeze on the introduction of new technology and staff re-location while a solution is found either through the conciliation service Acas or the industry's established disputes procedures.

The company is resisting union insistence that talks can only take place if there is a return to the old working methods.

Protest to T U C

In another provincial newspaper dispute concerning new technology — that which has been rumbling on at the News in Portsmouth for the past 11 weeks—the National Union of Journalists has decided to lodge a complaint with the T U C about alleged collusion between management and the N G A.

The Portsmouth and Sunderland newspapers group, which owns the paper, has dismissed 74 journalists for refusing to accept a new technology agreement. This involves the recognition of the N G A in editorial areas and the dispute reflects the blurring of traditional craft demarcation lines caused by the switch to electronic processes.

1,464 more miners abandon strike

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

ANOTHER 1,464 miners returned to work yesterday, to take the total abandoning the strike so far this week to 5,281.

The previous highest return on a Tuesday this year, on Feb. 5 following the collapse of a previous peace initiative, saw 664 men go back.

The number of N U M members not on strike is now more than 92,500 out of a total N U M membership employed by the Coal Board of 186,064. Another 500 returning miners would push the strikers into a minority.

The biggest drift back yesterday was again in areas which were solidly on strike until late last year, and are hard core areas of the N U M.

In Yorkshire 615 men went back, taking the total defying the strike to 18 per cent. The North East saw 360 return, and now has 44 per cent. not on strike.

In Scotland another 151 men clocked on, taking the total to 45 per cent., while in South Wales, where the total at work more than doubled on Monday, another 202 men went in yesterday. There are still only 1,262 of the 19,600 South Wales miners not on strike.

The Coal Board gave the following figures yesterday for the number of "new faces" in the areas:

	New faces	Total working	Total workforce	Per cent. working
Scotland	151	5,585	12,400	45
N. East	360	9,690	22,000	44
Yorks	615	9,057	49,500	18
N. Derbys	57	8,300	10,500	79
Notts	12	25,771	27,000	95
South Mids (incl. Kent)	15	9,595	11,805	81
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Judge blames video porn for this 'wickedness and depravity beyond description'

THE HOODED FOX GETS SIX LIFETIMES IN JAIL

THE Fox—small-time burglar MALCOLM FAIRLEY, who for eight months last year was catapulted into the role of Public Enemy No. 1 as his wave of rape and robbery terrorised the Bedfordshire countryside after dark—went to jail for six life sentences yesterday.

Stripped now of the mask and shotgun with which he prowled the night, he stood in the dock at St Albans Crown Court, face impassive but fingers inter-twining nervously behind his back, as Mr Justice CAULFIELD told him: "There are degrees of wickedness and depravity beyond the capacity of condemnatory description.

Reports by GUY RAIS

"Your crimes fall within that category — crimes for which there is no exculpation, crimes which left your victims in utter terror and with lifelong burdens of frightened memories.

"You desecrated and defiled men and women, old and youthful, in their own homes, which you then pillaged."

A dark-haired, slightly-built 32-year-old illiterate labourer with a speech defect, Fairley had re-enacted on his victims some of the fantasies born of watching pornographic videos. The judge said:

"You are a decadent advertisement for evil pornographers. They will want to forget you as one of their worst casualties."

Whispers of guilt

Fairley, trapped irrevocably by forensic evidence and the meticulous house-to-house drudgery of routine police work, pleaded guilty to 12 charges, including three rapes, two indecent asaults and two burlaries with intent to rape.

Pleas of not guilty to three other charges involving assault, intent to rape and endangering life with a shotgun were accepted.

In addition he got 14 years on each of five counts of house-breaking; 10 years for indecent assault on a man, and two years for indecently assaulting a 73-year-old woman at the very start of his reign of fear.

Mr JOHN ALLIOTT, Q.C., prosecuting, said Fairley had committed a series of 79 crimes between April and September 1984. He is asking for 68 others to be taken into account.

Fairley, in grey pullover and slacks and open-necked shirt, had been brought to court in a convey of police vehicles from Leicester prison.

Flanked by five prison officers in the overflowing courtroom, he whispered his repeated pleas of guilty, glancing away occasionally to his counsel Mr MICHAEL CONNELL, Q.C.

His campaign of sheer terror, which ultimately involved 250 police working full-time to end it, had its roots in February last year when Fairley, a native of the north-east with a bad record for burglary, moved south.

He left his family behind and took lodgings in Aylesbury. Two months later the nightmare of The Fox began.

His first victim was a 74-year-old widow at Linslade, Bedfordshire, who awoke to find a man in her bedroom, a glove shielding his face. Twice he indecently assaulted her.

Fairley began breaking into houses, removing photographs of women from albums and laying them out for inspection.

At a house in Cheddington, Bucks, he stole two guns, one of them the double barrelled shotgun which was to become his hallmark.

When the 35-year-old occupier came home he was confronted by Fairley wearing a mask and wielding the shotgun.

He was tied up, blindfolded and indecently assaulted. "This experience in homosexuality was inspired by pornographic videos he had seen," said Mr Alliott.

Bondage equipment

More break-ins were characterised by his quirk of laying out things useful for tying up any occupants.

At one house in the village of Heath and Reach while the owners were out, he built a hide of furniture covered with a bedspread to prevent light from being seen as he watched the owners' videos on TV. Again he removed belts, ties and dressing gown cords and cut the telephone wires. But when the couple returned he fled, stealing £115.

He went to another house in Leighton Buzzard where he was confronted by the occupier. His shotgun—its barrel sawn off down tothe stock by now—went off, and the man lost a finger.

On July 10 Fairley broke into a house at Leighton Buzzard where a couple were asleep in an adjoining room to their two children. After making the woman tie up her husband he forced the couple to indulge in oral sex before raping her.

Three days later, despite the intense hunt going on for him, he broke into a house in the village of Edlesborough in the "rape triangle" formed by Tring, Linslade and Leighton Buzzard. He hid until there were no police about, and at 2 a.m. broke into another house and committed the crime which put him on every front page in the land.

The sound of music

The owners were on holiday. Their 18-year-old daughter, 17-year-old son and the girl's 21-year-old boyfriend were there, playing records. It was the sound of music that drew Fairley to them.

All three were taken at gunpoint to the girl's bedroom. She was tied and spreadeagled on the bed with a pillow over her head. The men were tied up with electric flex, and Fairley then went to the kitchen and made himself a drink before returning to the bedroom, replacing the pillowcase over the girl's head with a pair of underpants, and raping her.

He tried to get the family's Labrador sexually excited and pushed it on top of her, but the dog ran away.

Fairley then ordered the men to have intercourse with the girl, and when neither did he forced them to simulate the act before raping her a second time.

Part of Fairley's inspiration for the attack came from a blue video, said Mr Aliott.

The deadly blunder

In the gigantic manhunt which followed, the Fox lay low for a month and four days before striking again. The intense police activity forced him far away from his hunting ground—and he made the mistake which was to put him behind bars for six lifetimes.

Driving north on Aug 17 to visit his mother in Sunderland, he pulled off the M1 junction with the M18 in South Yorkshire, hid his yellow Allegro in a copse, and crossed the motorway to the lights of the village of Brampton he could see in the distance.

It was his 32nd birthday.

He broke into a house, waking the 41-year-old accountant and his 37-year-old wife, tying them up and raping her.

In an apparent attempt to destroy forensic evidence, he washed the woman all over, and cut a square of the sheet from beneath her and took it away.

By an enormous irony he left behind the very evidence which was to trap him — scrapings of paint from his car on a tree in the copse.

Three more break-ins followed—at two houses in Peterlee, Co. Durham, where determined women forced him to flee, and on Sept. 9 at Bradwell, Milton Keynes, where he fled again after slightly injuring a woman with a knife.

But his appalling career was over. Two days later he was arrested.

He told police "I can't help myself. I got into the habit of it. It just went on and on, and got worse and worse. It just weren't me . . . it just weren't me."

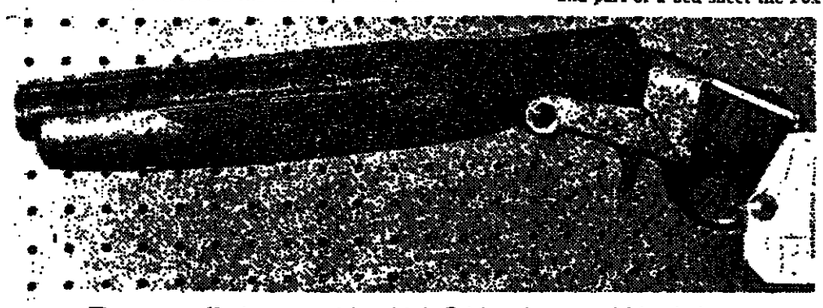
Yesterday his counsel Mr Connell said in mitigation "He has only a very limited understanding of the wickedness of his action.

He had no idea of the difference between right and wrong. "He has very little insight into the qualities of his wickedness and actions."

The judge, commenting on medical reports presented by the defence, said: "All of them emphasise the relevance of pornography—every one."

Mr Connell said Fairley's personality and physical defects "caused him to be more susceptible to evil external influences. By that I have in mind videos."

Chief Insp. John Branscombe holding up a mask which Malcolm Fairley fashioned from dungarees to terrorise his last rape victim.



The sawn-off shotgun with which Fairley threatened his victims.

They knew everything about him but his name

DETECTIVES staged an accident on the north-bound carriageway of the M18 motorway in South Yorkshire as they searched for clues which finally brought the Fox to justice.

After his last rape in the farming village of Brampton, near Rotherham, detectives found Fairley's sawn-off shotgun loaded and cocked, under a mound of leaves, some 300 yards from the home of his victim, a 42-year-old woman.

It was close to the spot where Fairley had reversed his car into a hedgerow, ready to flee north within minutes of raping the woman. He planned to return to the spot later to recover his gun and other items he had buried.

Elaborate trap

Sensing a break-through in their long investigation, and knowing it was vital that Fairley knew nothing of their find, strict secrecy was maintained as detectives and forensic scientists went to the busy motorway.

A section was coned off and ambulances were brought to the lay-by as officers, disguised in white coats, began a systematic search of the ground.

They found a glove behind the hedgerow, a hairbrush Fairley took from his victim's home, and part of a bed sheet the Fox had removed in an attempt to hide forensic evidence.

Close by was the dark green mask he had used.

An elaborate trap was then prepared. An infra-red remote control camera, capable of giving sharp pictures at night, was trained on the clump of bushes on the motorway's hard shoulder.

Sound sensors, similar to those used by security forces in Northern Ireland for tracking movements, were brought in.

Binoculars fitted with light intensifiers to give clear night vision were issued to police keeping watch. "Not even a rabbit could move without us knowing," said an officer.

"We had to keep everything secret," said Det. Chief Supt. Brian Prickett. "If anything had leaked to the Press or television, Fairley would never have returned."

But the trap was never sprung because Fairley was caught in London.

The operation to catch him was one of the most intensive and wide-ranging manhunts ever mounted, on a par with the hunt and capture of the Yorkshire Ripper.

A computer system was installed at police headquarters in Dunstable linked to northern forces who had joined the hunt. Hundreds of statements were taken and scores of car numbers and identifying marks fed into the computer.

During the Summer nights police and Army helicopters buzzed continuously across the Chiltern countryside. They were fitted with sophisticated communications equipment as well as spotlights and infra-red gadgets.

The helicopters provided much-needed aerial support for the ground surveillance teams camped out ocross undulating farmland and dense woodlands.

Up to 300 plain - clothes officers, many from No. 5 Regional Crime Squad, spent night after night hiding behind hedges, in gardens, lying in cramped positions in cars, ready to respond to the slightest suspicious movement or answer 999 calls.

At one stage 2,000 people were put up as suspects. Many were quickly eliminated, but others with previous sexual records were carefully checked.

Fairley's name first came up when professional people — doctors, social workers and probation officers — were asked to give any information about new residents coming into the area.

"We were looking for a man with a northern accent. Fairley was not a strong suspect when his name first came up," said Supt Prickett.

The covert operation, code-named 'Peanuts" because of the Fox's penchant for salted nuts, was mounted because senior police officers feared they might be on the trail of a would-be killer, a criminal with outdoor, even military skills, and the knack of being able to disappear quickly after an attack.

Clues built up

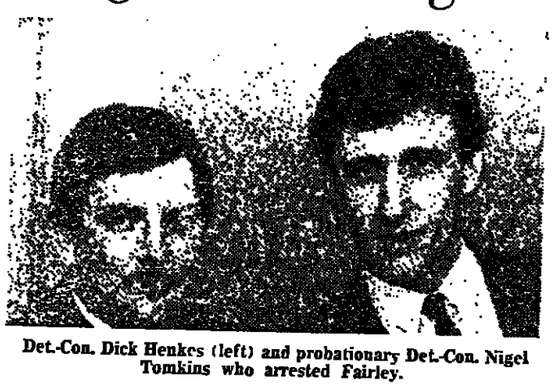
For months, and particularly in the last few weeks before the Fox's capture, there had been a steady build-up of clues to his identity.

"Each one by itself did not count for much, but put together, they were most significant. When Fairley was seen, it was like looking at a reflection in the mirror," said Supt. Prickett.

"Every time the Fox committed an offence more evidence became available. At the time of his arrest we knew his car, his blood group, his height, general build, the type of clothing he wore, and the house-breaking implements he used. We knew everything about him but his name.

"When Fairley was brought to Dunstable police station everything fitted into place. The evidence against him was so strong that he admitted everything very quickly."

One look at a yellow Allegro was enough...



Det.-Con. Dick Henkes (left) and probationary Det.-Con. Nigel Tomkins who arrested Fairley.

TWO young Bedfordshire detectives fitted the final piece of a jigsaw puzzle which unmasked Malcolm Fairley

He was just one of 300 suspects on a bulky file at the Bedfordshire police headquarters.

He was known to police as a man with a Northern accent—a well publicised feature of the rapist given by most of the Fox's hapless victims.

But with up to 200 calls an hour being monitored by the police switchboard at peak times, Fairley was just a name in the system. Nevertheless, it was a name that needed to be eliminated in the long, and often tedious investigation.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 11, Det Con Dick Henkes and temporary Det. Con. Nigel Tompkins left Dunstable to carry out what was known as an R T E inquiry—routine, trace and eliminate—on a man named Fairley at a house in Oseney Crescent, Kentish Town, where he was living with his second wife Georgina.

They went by train

Neither they nor the senior officers could have envisaged the astonishing result of their visit to London. Such was the low priority given to their trip at that time the pair were not allowed a police car but given second-class rail warrants.

Within minutes of turning into the London street the two officers were stunned at what they saw. There was Fairley cleaning a harvest yellow B L Allegro car.

Both officers knew the significance of the car's colour. Only days before they had been briefed on the results of a brilliant piece of forensic work

Pulling off the M18 before carrying out what was to be his last rape, in the Yorkshire village of Brampton, Fairley manoeuvred off the hard shoulder into some nearby bushes. To hide glare from passing traffic he picked a sapling and laid it across the windscreen.

Then he took out his stolen shotgun and made a menacing hood from a pair of dungarees. Armed with his trade-marks he set off for the village.

After the rape, he carelessly discarded one of his gloves, then his mask. To motorists passing the spot next morning the items were just flotsam in a sea of motorway litter—but to the police scouring the countryside the following day they became priceless pieces of evidence.

Detectives were able to map out the route the Fox had taken to reach the village. One sharp-eyed officer noted a withered sapling which had obviously only recently been uprooted.

Closer inspection revealed tyre marks of a car. Plaster casts were taken and each bush meticulously examined. A small twig revealed some tiny paint scrapings.

Back in the laboratory the minute paint flakes were examined. Detectives had also taken a statement from a lorry driver who remembered seeing a car parked on the M18 on the night of Aug. 17, recalling it had a Durham number plate.

His left hand

As Fairley was being questioned by the two detective constables on Sept. 11, they noticed scuff marks on the car as if it had brushed against a tree. More significantly they found a pair of dungarees in the car indentical to the ones used by Fairley to make his mask at Brampton.

Det. Henkes remembered another clue from the regular briefings, that the rapist had almost certainly been left-handed.

Picking up a watch inside the car he casually held it out to Fairley who nonchalantly took it with his left hand and placed it on his right wrist.

Fairley was taken into custody.

Fairley, the youngest of seven children, was born in Silksworth. His father, a miner died when he was five.

When he left school at 15 he could neither read or write.

He was in trouble with the police several times for petty theft and first appeared in court at 14. By the time he was 18 he had several convictions and was in and out of prison for the next 10 years.

Throughout the years he displayed little signs of sexual perversions. With his dark curly hair he attracted several young women and in 1971 met 19-year-old factory worker Joan Whitworth.

Within a few months they were married in September, 1971. Their son Paul, now 12, was born the following April.

They stayed together for about two years, but were divorced in 1977

Two years after the couple split up, Fairley met his second wife, tall fair-haired Georgina Ball, in 1972 at an ice rink in Billingham.

In February, 1984, he headed South again

Two months later the Fox emerged for his brief but horrifying day in the sun.

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REAGAN'S MEN URGE SUPPORT FOR MX MISSILES

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

A FORTNIGHT before American and Russian arms negotiators begin hard bargaining in Geneva. President Reagan's top advisers urged a hesitant Congress yesterday to support the MX strategic missile project.

Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defence, insisted that both the MX missile and Mr Reagan's cherished space defence plan were vital.

"They are not bargaining chips, they are part of the very strength on which real bargaining rests," said Mr Shultz.

Mr Weinberger told the same session of the Senate Armed Services committee that it was time to stop delaying the plan to build 100 MX missiles, each with 10 nuclear warheads.

At another Senate hearing Mr Paul Nitze, Mr Shult's senior disarmament adviser, echoed his colleagues' support for MX but was notably guarded in his endorsement of the anti-missile project, officially known as the Strategic Defence Initiative.

He said America should only deploy such technology now under research if it met two standards: first the systems must be "reasonably survivable" and they must be cheap and effective enough so as not to give the other side an incentive simply to build more offensive missiles.

His caution contrasted with Mr Reagan's unqualified enthusiasm for S D I and reflected some of the doubts felt by many experts in America and abroad.

Mr Nitze spoke, too, of other hazards that would continue even if S D I proved fully effective.

Call by Kremlin

NIGEL WADE in Moscow writes: The Kremlin called yesterday for a complete ban on nuclear weapons tests to improve prospects for the Geneva talks. PRAVDA said banning tests was the key to curbing developments of new bombs and warheads.

Washington was raising "invented difficulties" about verification of any ban "to camouflage its negative attitude," the paper claimed.

America and Russia agreed in 1974 to limit underground nuclear weapons tests to yields not exceeding 150 kilotons. The treaty is still unratified by the United States.

Audience with Pope

OUR ROME CORRESPONDENT writes: Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday met Italy's Prime Minister and other government leaders in discussions which ended his six-year boycott of this strategic Nato country.

The wide-ranging talks included East-West relations and commercial problems.

But the high point of Mr Gromyko's mission will come today when he has an exceptionally long 60-minute audience with the Pope at the Vatican.

HIMALAYA LINE-UP

Thirty teams from 15 nations, including one led by Chris Bonington of Britain, will be permitted to scale Himalayan peaks during the spring climbing season

Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the opposition Zapu party in Zimbabwe, commiserating in Harare yesterday with Bishop Abel Muzorewa, former Prime Minister, over the murder of five members of his minority United African National Council, who were dragged from a train at Hwange on Sunday and shot dead by unknown gunmen.

'Mugabe men' held over killings

By IAN MILLS in Harare

TWO men thought to be supporters of Mr Mugabe's ruling party have been arrested in Zimbabwe concerning the murder on Sunday of five officials from Bishop Abel Muzorewa's minority United African National Council (U A N C).

The five were dragged off a train in the Western town of Hwange and shot at point-blank range by a team of gunmen.

A government spokesman said the arrested men were "suspected" of being ruling ZANU-PF supporters but he did not name them. No stone would be left unturned in the investigation he said.

The spokesman added that at this stage the government would not comment on Bishop Muzorewa's claim that the killers were hired assassins who had been paid and armed by ZANU-PF.

Bishop Muzorewa told a news conference that his officials had discovered that eight attackers had been issued with licensed weapons by the ZANU-PF branch office in Bulawayo and that the assassins were paid £250.

The bishop produced an unnamed eye-witness who said two of the victims were shot on the station platform. The attackers had at least four pistols and a Soviet-made A K rifle.

The five had been singled out from among 40 U A N C officials and members on the train taking them back to Bulawayo after a rally in Hwange.

A police statement on the murders was held up on Monday by the government with any reason being given. Yesterday the Zimbabwe Cabinet was reported to have discussed the incident and authorised the arrests statement.

Western diplomats believe the killings could prove to be a watershed in the mounting violence that has accompanied the campaign for the coming general election.

FOOD AID FEAR FOR SUDAN

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Khartoum

UNITED STATES officials in Khartoum fear an Ethiopian-scale famine in Sudan this summer if America's emergency food aid effort is not quickly matched by other Western donor governments.

The United States plans to have 773,000 metric tons of food aid distributed in Sudan by June but other donors have so far pledged only 76,000 tons. American government aid officials calculated a further 700,000 to 750,000 tons are needed.

The slow response by other donors is alarming the officials because the food must be distributed to remote desert villages and tribal areas before the start of the rainy season in June makes them impossible to reach.

"We still have a chance in this country to avert a major famine," Mr Eric Witt, of the nited States Agency for International Development, said in Khartoum yesterday.

"We are still three or four months ahead and if we get the food in place in May or June before the rainy season we can avert what is happening on such a massive scale in Ethiopia.

"But, if nothing else comes in beyond our 773,000 tons and the 76,000 tons from the rest of the world, we are putting at risk five, six or seven million people."

The American food donation includes 396,000 tons of wheat for commercial sale on markets, 46,000 tons of emergency food aid to help the refugee situation in east Sudan and 332,000 tons of sorghum for the desert provinces of Kordofan in central Sudan and Darfu in the west.

Harvest failure

The United States, as leading donor, has taken responsibility for the two provinces as the largest and most difficult areas for food distribution with their vast expanse of roadless desert.

The 76,000 tons so far pledged by Europe, Canada, Australia and other donors will leave acute food shortages in desert areas of the north and Red Sea provinces bordering Egypt and in other parts of the country.

Famine is threatened because Sudan had a food deficit of 1·9 million tons following the failure of the harvest as a result of drought.

American officials expect many people to move from desert areas towards Khartoum if famine develops.

NO CHARGES AGAINST KERRY PACKER

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

The Australian Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Ian Temby, has decided not to bring criminal charges against Mr Kerry Packer, the magazine and television proprietor and World Series Cricket promoter, on material provided by the Costigan Royal Commission into organised crime.

In his final report last year, Mr Frank Costigan, Q C, the Royal Commissioner, recommended that the activities of Mr Packer and one of his associates, Mr Brian Ray, be referred to Mr Temby for the "completion of the investigation and the initiation of criminal proceedings."

A spokesman for Mr Temby said yesterday the material provided did not support criminal charges. He also said: "It is quite impossible to make any assessment, given the stage reached, as to whether or not the laying of charges could be justified. We don't have or seek an investigatory facility."

CHINA CONDEMNS 'JUNKETS' ABROAD

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Chinese officials were rebuked yesterday for being obsessed with a "going-abroad mania." According to the PEOPLE'S DAILY, influential people seize every chance of foreign travel no matter how pointless the trip.

Foreign businessmen in Peking have noticed that with some contracts Chinese make a point of including a trip to America, West Germany, Japan, or Britain, ostensibly to see factories. The Communist party paper condemned such jaunts as "extravagant junkets with unhealthy tendencies."

OLD AGE MPs PLAN

By Our Rome Correspondent

Italy's old age pensioners have formed a party which will fight the next general election. Its leading candidate is 85-year-old actress Paola Borboni who said yesterday: "I know I'll be elected. So will many of my colleagues."

Polish treatment of U.S. attache's wife 'outrageous'

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

THE White House, angered by "outrageous treatment" of an American attaché's wife, threatened yesterday to "get really tough" with Poland if any such incident recurred.

Earlier America expelled the Polish military attaché in Washington and his wife.

This was retaliation for Poland's expulsion of the United States military attaché in Warsaw and his wife, who is said to have had her clothing taken from her and to have been made to perform "exercises" before Polish security personnel.

The United States also postponed indefinitely talks with Poland on a science and technology agreement.

Removed from car

The Pentagon stated that Col Frederick Myer, the American attaché, and his wife, Barbara, were forcibly removed from a United States Government car, separated, and held incommunicado for nearly six hours. Only on Mrs Myer's protestations did males leave the room when her clothing was taken.

Mr Larry Speakes, White House spokesman, said any repetition would be a reason "for even more serious action on our part."

He added: "If they do it again, we'll really get tough."

For the Polish Government Mr Jerzy Urban said yesterday that the United States sent Col and Mrs Myer to photograph military installations in north-eastern Poland on Feb. 21. He denied Mrs Myer was forced to strip and perform indecent exercises.

Mr Urban said a policewoman searched Mrs Myer's clothes in a private room. "But she was not undressed . . . if we had known who she was, she would not have been searched," he said.

Mrs Myer was treated in the same way as any other woman detained, and police would not have held the American couple if they had disclosed their diplomatic status when stopped.

The Pentagon denied Col and Mrs Myer were spying. They were on a normal tour of duty, and their conduct was consistent with diplomatic duties, the Pentagon said.

The United States has made no charges of improper conduct against the expelled Polish military attaché in Washington, Col Zygmunt Szymanski, but it said the action was taken in response to the expulsion of the Myers.

Col Myer was expelled for allegedly taking photographs in a restricted area, a charge denied yesterday by Mr Speakes.

The episode comes when the Administration has been gradually easing sanctions against Poland imposed when the Communist government declared martial law over three years ago. There has been no American ambassador to Poland for three years.

The United States-Polish talks on science and technology were to have begun in Washington yesterday as part of a gradual easing of sanctions.

The episode, however, coincides with a stepping-up of efforts by the Polish regime to focus attention on alleged links between the outlawed Solidarity trade-union movement and United States intelligence.

The Polish Government has opened an investigation into treason charges against Solidarity leaders in the West.

American officials said they were angered not so much by the expulsion of Col. Myer as by the treatment of his wife.

STRIKE CALL OFF

Walesa statement

Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, said in Poland yesterday that the banned independent trade union had suspended its call for a 15-minute general strike tomorrow. The suspension followed the Government's decision to reconsider food-price rises.

Mr Urban, the Polish Government spokesman, gave warning yesterday that the authorities would deal harshly with workers who obeyed the strike call. Industrial managers had been told to "apply strict sanctions" against strikers, including instant dismissal.—Reuter.

Lebanon suicide raids warning to Israel

By DAVID ZORIAN in Beirut

A RADICAL Moslem undeground group yesterday threatened suicide attacks in retaliation against the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon.

The Jewish State responded by imposing a curfew and travel restrictions on the territory it controls.

The threat was made by the Sadr Suicide Brigade, the Shi'ite group named after Mousa Sadr, the missing Shi'ite spiritual leader.

'Seven attacks'

In a statement telephoned to a leftist Beirut newspaper, the group gave the Israelis 24 hours to stop the "attacks and massacres against our people in southern Lebanon.

"If these acts do not stop in 24 hours, we will carry out seven suicide attacks against United States and Israeli interests in all parts of the world," the telephone caller said.

Shi'ite sources said they were investigating the threat, the latest by Shi'ite militants against the Israeli occupation forces since the recent escalation of the military campaign against south Lebanon guerrillas.

Faced with increasing Shi-ite violence and anger, Israel yesterday ordered a dusk-to-dawn curfew in South Lebanon villages in the occupied territories.

'Taken the initiative'

OUR JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT writes: Yitzak Rabin, Defence Minister, yesterday justified the iron fist policy adopted by Israel in Lebanon. "Our soldiers are no longer sitting targets for terrorist attacks. We have now taken the initiative."

OUR VIENNA CORRESPONDENT writes: King Hussein of Jordan, holidaying in Austria, has joined Egypt's President Mubarak in calling on Israel to join peace negotiations with Jordan and representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Plan to help milkmen

By GODFREY BROWN
Agriculture Correspondent in Brussels

A PLAN to rescue the 3,000 British dairy farmers who run their own milk rounds from one of the crazier consequences of the E E C's milk quota system was put before agriculture ministers in Brussels last night.

The move could save some of them thousands of pounds in penal "superlevy."

It was naturally warmly welcomed by Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, who has been pressing for months for such a change, and who earlier met a deputation of dairy farmers who travelled to Brussels to demonstrate their feelings.

But there was a grave threat that the rescue plan would be torpedoed by Irish blocking tactics. Eire was one of three countries that voiced initial reservations to the "milk mini-package."

Mr Frans Andriessen, the Dutch Commissioner for Agriculture, said the package had to be regarded as a whole with no additions. If not agreed it would be withdrawn.

The problem for Britain's "producer-retailers," is that under rules they get two quotas, one for each outlet, but the quotas cannot be combined into one for the farm.

So they can become liable for a penal 13·1p a litre "super-levy" on excess production

South Africa U-turn on squatters

By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

THE South African government yesterday made another important concession on squatter-housing in the Cape Town area.

Indicating the first official acceptance of the permanence of black communities in the area, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Co-operation and Development, said he was prepared to accept the "orderly up-grading" of development on the sites, known as Crossroads, and K T C.

He was speaking in a special debate in Parliament in Cape Town called by the Opposition to discuss last week's riots in the squatter camps which left 18 people dead and more than 200 injured.

Dr Viljoen declined to guarantee that there would be no more forced removals from the camps—the fear of which was the main cause of the riots.

But he said it was possible to develop 3,000 housing sites on the Crossroads location where at present there are more than 10,000 dwellings. Previously, officials were adamant that the entire camp must be razed

A further crackdown on anti-government dissidents was imminent. Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said last night. He was commenting on last week's arrests of trade unionists and anti-apartheid supporters.

Dining rule relaxed

Non-white MPs can be guests of white MPs in the main dining-room of the all-white House of Assembly in South Africa's new multi-racial Parliament, the Catering Committee of the white chamber announced yesterday. But the coffee-lounge and bar will remain "whites only."

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PAKISTAN POLL TURNOUT BOOST FOR ZIA

By JAMES MacMANUS in Islamabad

A HIGH turnout in Pakistan's general election has boosted the standing of President Zia-ul-haq despite the defeat at the polls of five ministers in his military government.

The voting and the count were deemed fair by Western diplomats, who said the electoral failure of four powerful members of the martial law régime had added credibility to the new National Assembly.

The Government said 52·9 per cent. of the 34 million electorate had cast their votes despite a nationwide boycott urged by opposition groups.

The figure is well over the 40 per cent. President Zia said he woud find acceptable and is comfortably close to the 55 per cent. recorded in the last national election in 1977.

The polling was marred by some violence but the six deaths and dozens of injuries have been attributed to inter-candidate rivalries rather than clashes between police and opposition groups.

Test for candidate

As counting ended in outlying constituencies in the mountainous north-west of the country, the President dissolved the Cabinet to allow the 237-member Assembly to make its own choice of Ministers.

The Pakistani leader will choose the Prime Minister himself but the candidate will have to be submitted to the test of a majority vote in the Parliament.

Of the nine ministers who stood in the elections, Ali Ahmad Talpur, Defence Minister, Ghulam Dastigar Khan, Labour Minister, Raja Zafarul Haq, Information Minister as well as the water and culture ministers all lost badly, in some cases to political newcomers.

Diplomats interpret the rejection of the ministers as a vote against martial law and as a sign that many opposition party members ignored instructions and voted.

Shaping powers

The loss of the ministers is regarded as a small price for the President to pay for the exclusion of opposition activists from the Assembly. All opposition parties were banned from participation in the election although in several cases their members ran as successful candidates for the Assembly.

President Zia has been determined to bar the return to power of professional politicians whom he believes brought the country to the brink of civil war in 1977. This week he called opposition leaders, "spent cartridges."

Before the Assembly formally meets on March 23, the President will announce two constitutional amendments that will shape its powers. The 1973 constitution has been in abeyance since the Army seized power in 1977.

The first amendment will establish a *national* security council to act as a watchdog over the new civilian government.

Under the second, General Zia intends to adjust the powers of the president and Prime Minister as laid out in the constitution.

The Pakistani leader, who intends to stay on as head of state in civilian uniform, wants a more balanced relationship between the two posts. As a diplomat said:

"Zia does not intend to be a figurehead president nor will he surrender real power until he sees how the Assembly shapes up."

Real test

However, the President has said repeatedly that he will not take power away from the Assembly and that it will have the right to legislate and even veto the choice of prime minister.

"The real test of this exercise will be the powers given to the Assembly," conceded one Pakistani official.

Martial law will remain until an unknown date this year but most observers expect the military courts, which act parallel to the Islamic and civilian courts, *will begin winding down* their activities after the success of the elections.

Cases before the military include the trial in absentia of the two sons of the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was hanged after a controversial trial in 1978. His sons are now living in exile in Libya and Syria.

Soviet navy reduces its Atlantic forces

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE Soviet Navy appears to be reducing the number of ships stationed in the Indian and Atlantic oceans, according to American naval intelligence.

Although numbers of Soviet warships are still being deployed outside their own waters, they spend most of their time in foreign ports in countries of importance to Moscow.

Last year, articles in the Soviet military press called for economies by the armed forces, and the navy appears to be taking this to heart by keeping ships at ports to conserve fuel.

While reductions in the activity of their surface warships is being to some extent offset with big increases in military aid to allies like Cuba and Vietnam, their submarine patrols continue at a high level.

Economic restraints

As many as 10 to 12 strategic missile submarines alone are likely to be cruising close to or under the Arctic ice cap at any time within range of targets like most of North America as well as all of Europe.

The contrast between the Russian Navy's activities and those of the Royal Navy is almost daily becoming more striking, with the latter reacting very differently to economic restraints.

The overstretching of the Royal Navy, with 50 destroyers and frigates doing the work of around 80 fifteen years ago is giving the planners at the Fleet Headquarters at Northwood, Middlesex, a lesson in juggling with figures trying to meet world-wide commitments.

So tight are the numbers, with 20 of the 50 ships in refit or under maintenance at any time, that even an unexpected defect with one ship can throw out all the calculations.

Scale of effort

No matter that the navy's primary commitment is in the Nato area, it still has ships operating world wide from the Mediterranean to Belize and from the Falklands to the Norwegian sea.

The sheer scale of the effort needed to maintain the Falklands garrison is evident, with 23 Royal Fleet auxiliaries and requisitioned or chartered merchant ships currently employed carrying men, fuel, stores and spares down south.

But at least one important task has now been completed with the towing away and sinking in the past few days in deep water off South Georgia of the wreck of the Argentine submarine Santa Fe.

The job took a chartered salvage ship and a Defence Ministry Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service lifting vessel 103 days to complete.

'TORTURE' MAN DENIES CORFU DRUGS CHARGE

By Our Athens Correspondent

A man from Nottingham who claimed he was tortured while in police custody went on trial before a Greek court yesterday on charges of smoking cannabis while on holiday on Corfu.

Kevin Taylor, 51, pleaded not guilty to the charge of deliberately violating the law. He said he was unaware that possessing cannabis for private use was illegal in Greece.

Taylor has been in jail since he was arrested last September. Corfu police denied the torture claims and no further comment has followed British Embassy reports at the time that the allegations were being investigated.

SNOW HAVOC IN JORDAN

By Our Amman Correspondent

A snowstorm in Jordan has made roads hazardous, caused flooding in some parts of Amman.

Several people were killed or injured in road accidents. The snowfall was mostly on hilly areas. There was heavy rain everywhere else. Schools, universities, shops, banks and Government offices were closed yesterday owing to blockage of roads.

BORDER ESCAPE

A Czech frontier-guard dashed over the border unscathed into Austria on Monday despite machine-gun fire from his erstwhile comrades and asked for political asylum, according to reports in Vienna yesterday.—Reuter.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia welcoming Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko of Japan on their arrival in Madrid yesterday for a four-day official visit to Spain.

Hazardous landing for DC10 in bomb alert

By OUR AUCKLAND CORRESPONDENT

FACED with the threat of a bomb on board the pilot of a DC10 airliner made an emergency night landing in a thunderstorm on a tiny coral island airstrip in the South Pacific.

Bound for Auckland from Tahiti, the pilot of the big jet, belonging to the French U T A airline and carrying 260 passengers, managed to land safely.

He brought his plane to a halt before it went off the end of the 6,825-foot runway on Rangirowa, about 200 miles north-east of Tahiti. The recommended runway length for a D C-10 is 11,700 feet.

After a bumpy approach and rough landing the passengers left quickly by a rear door.

Immediately the passengers were clear a bomb squad moved in but failed to find any trace of explosives. Then the pilot and French authorities were confronted with the problem of turning the three-engined airliner round on the 97½ft-wide runway *and getting it off the island.*

Eventually this was achieved. Minus passengers and cargo the airliner made a rapid lift-off and flew to Papeete Airport at Tahiti.

The drama began soon after the DC10 had left Tahiti on its way from Los Angeles to Auckland. The pilot was told that U T A's Paris office had been given a warning that a bomb was on board.

The pilot diverted to Rangirowa which normally handles Fokker Friendship aircraft. After the bomb search the passengers, two at a time, were allowed to retrieve their belongings before being flown back to Tahiti on board French military aircraft.

HOLT CASE STAYS A MYSTERY

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE Harold Holt mystery took all the ratings on Monday night when it was screened for the first time on Australian television.

There were no signs of the Chinese submarine once said to have spirited away the late Australian Prime Minister, but there were enough allegations and innuendoes to stir reactions.

It roused another former Prime Minister, Sir William McMahon, from his sick bed in a Sydney hospital to deny he telephoned Holt on Dec. 17, 1967, an hour or two before Holt vanished [or is said to have vanished] in the Cheviot Beach surf on the Mornington peninsula, about 60 miles from Melbourne.

Plotting denied

He also denied yesterday he plotted against Holt. Other members of the Liberal party were plotting to overthrow him, but they were anti-McMahon forces.

The programme, part-documentary, part-drama, threw no new light on the Prime Minister's disappearance. His widow, Dame Zara Bate, referred to him as a "womaniser."

What the programme did not mention until its closing minutes was that 97 people drowned in the same dangerous stretch of water in which Mr Holt disappeared and that the bodies of only 70 were recovered.

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SURGEON JAILED FOR PUTTING WEEDKILLER IN HIS WIFE'S TEA

By CON COUGHLIN

A RETIRED Royal Air Force surgeon was yesterday jailed for four years for putting weedkiller in his wife's early morning cup of tea.

FREDERICK HUTTER, 67, who retired from the R A F two years ago at the rank of Air Commodore, put small quantities of sodium chlorate, a registered poison, in his wife's tea.

But Mrs Ursula Hutter, 58, became suspicious after her hair started to fall out, her torso swelled and she began to suffer constant stomach disorders and diarrhoea, said Mr ROGER TITHERIDGE, prosecuting.

She secretly observed her husband making her early morning cup of tea and became alarmed when she saw him go into the potting shed, pick up a substance from a pot marked weedkiller and place it in her tea when he returned to the kitchen.

Rather than drink the tea she put it in a container and took it to the police.

Hutter, of Tacketswood, Kingsbridge, Devon, pleaded guilty at Exeter Crown Court to a charge of administering poison to his wife with intent to endanger life. The prosecution accepted his plea of not guilty to attempted murder.

Sentencing Hutter to four years imprisonment for a "wicked" crime, Mr Justice NOLAN said: "It is very sad to see a distinguished career of dedicated service to your fellow men and with your appearance in the dock."

The court heard that Hutter married his second wife, a former R A F nurse, in 1955. But from the outset it had not been a happy marriage because of his wife's drink problem.

In 1974 Hutter formed an association with another nurse in the Services, referred to in court as "Pat" but Mrs Hutter found out about the relationship.

In the spring of last year Mrs Hutter began to suffer from acute diarrhoea which she gained only temporary relief when she went on a two-week holiday to Tenerife by herself.

When she returned the symptoms started up again and she became suspicious of her husband who constantly asked her about her health and took her pulse daily.

Two detectives joined Mrs Hutter in hiding at the house one morning. When they approached Hutter in his kitchen after observing him put the weedkiller in his wife's cup, he hid the cup behind his back and tipped some of the contents over the floor.

At first he denied having anything to do with his wife's illness but when asked by police to provide information so that his wife might be treated, he admitted he had put small amounts of sodium chloride in her tea twice weekly over a period of a few months.

Frank Hutter: added poison to wife's tea.

Mr Titheridge said scientific evidence showed that sodium chlorate was lethal in large doses and would cause kidney failure if consumed regularly.

Mr NEIL BUTTERFIELD, defending, said Hutter had served a long and distinguished career in the Armed Services as a highly-skilled and caring surgeon to whom many servicemen owed their lives. He was honoured by the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he is a Fellow, in 1975, for his work.

After his retirement from the R A F, Hutter found himself unable to cope with the pressures of his wife's drinking habits.

"He wanted to give her something which would make her ill and reduce her drinking and started to put small amounts of sodium chlorate in her tea," said Mr Butterfield.

Solicitor in £132,000 theft jailed

A STRUCK-OFF solicitor who was given a second chance by a firm after admitting his past stole nearly £132,000, he admitted at Exeter Crown Court yesterday.

STEPHEN AGATE, 44, was jailed for four years after pleading guilty to 15 charges of theft from his firm and clients, involving a total of £131,756.

Agate, of Shutehouse, Dolton Winkleigh, Devon, was said to have committed the offences in 1979-81 when a partner with the north Devon law firm of Montague, Arthur & Partners.

Mr MICHAEL BRODRICK, said that altogether, Agate had benefitted by £99,000. The amount owed to losers and banks was £140,600 and in order to conceal what was going on, he had dishonestly moved sums totalling just under £750,000.

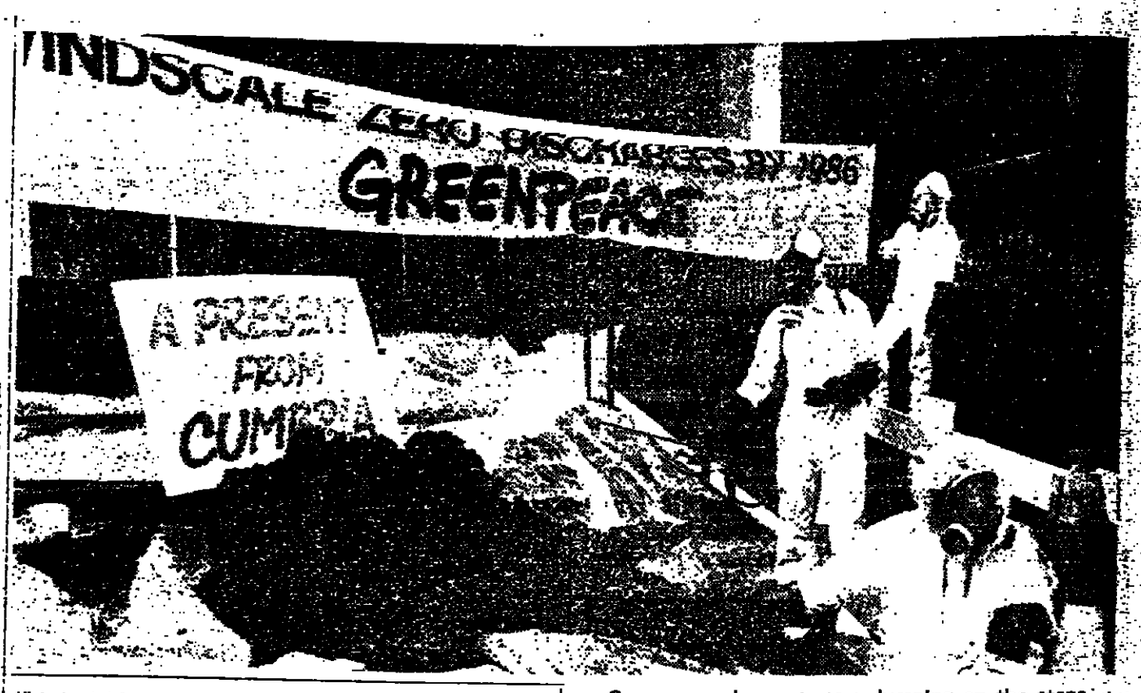
Mr Brodrick said Agate was struck off in 1971 after a conviction for deception. He joined the north Devon firm in 1976 as a legal executive, having told them the truth about his past.

He was restored as a solicitor in 1977 and in 1979 made a partner in the firm. In 1982 an investigation by the fraud sonad led to Agate being struck off.

The prosecution said there was no suggestion of riotous high living by Agate. He was a compulsive speculator in property

£20 NOTES FORGED

Terence Edwards, 24, a printer, of Central Street, Islington, was jailed yesterday for four months at Clerkenwell when he admitted possessing three counterfeit £20 notes and trying to pass one at a bar on Euston station.



Greenpeace demonstrators dumping on the steps of the Department of Environment yesterday five tons of what they claimed was radioactive mud from the Sellafield nuclear processing plant in Cumbria. Seven protesters later appeared at Horseferry Road where they were conditionally discharged for 12 months after pleading guilty to obstructing the highway.

Life for car row killer

A PARKING row led to two men being stabbed to death and two others seriously injured Judge PETER MASON, Q C, said at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Fighting broke out at an Indian restaurant in Stepney when one group asked another to move a car and then drove into the vacant spot.

The incident, last March, led to the deaths of Mr Atiq Rahman, 23, and Mr Zihad Ahmed, 22, factory workers from Charlton, and knife injuries to two of their friends, one of them now blinded in one eye.

PAUL SAMMUT, 25, unemployed, of Croft Street, Stepney, was convicted of the two murders, wounding and affray.

Jailing him for life, with a recommendation that he serve at least 15 years, Judge Mason said he behaved like a "lunatic" and was "wicked beyond belief."

Three others, MICHAEL SAMMUT, 22, a van driver, of Cable Street, BARRY JITUBEH, 23, a decorator, of Noble Court, and ARUN BHASIN, 25, of Chapman Street, all Stepney, were cleared of murder and wounding but each was jailed for 30 months for affray.

SMASHING GETAWAY

Zurich police searched yesterday for a new battered Porsche which thieves had driven through the glass showroom doors of a car dealer.—A.P.

Test case court fight to curb stag hunting

By COLIN RANDALL

THE League Against Cruel Sports began a High Court action yesterday in an attempt to have the members, supporters, horses and hounds of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds banned from its 2,000 acres of wildlife sanctionaries on Exmoor.

The proceedings are being seen as a test case capable of affecting hunts thoughout the country.

Summarising the League's case, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, Q C, contended that the action was not being brought in order to stop stag hunting "much though the League heartily disapproves of it and continues to campaign against it both in and outof Parliament.

Rights of property

He said: "The League fully acknowledges that the sport of hunting, be it stag or fox-hunting, may be lawfully carried out in this country at the present time.

"But, and this is the main qualification, such lawful hunting has always to be conducted in subordination to the ordinary rights of property."

Named as defendents in the action are the three joint masters of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds, Mr Morris Scott, of Brenden Hill Farm, Watchet, Mrs Nora Harding of Timberskome, Minehead, and Mr Michael Robinson, of West Hacketty, Porlock, all Somerset.

The League is seeking to make permanent and to extend a temporary injunction granted in March 1983 and asks for damages for trespasses already committed.

The League wants a declaration that the hunt can not enter or trespass on its land and an injunction restraining the defendants or their agents from entering or crossing their land.

Mr Blom-Cooper cited seven examples of alleged entry on to the land by hounds and, on some occasions, horses and riders or hunt followers. All were said to have occurred between April 1982 and January 1983. The case was adjourned until today.

NEW STANDARDS FOR HORSE RIDING HATS

By Our Business Correspondent

Higher safety standards are being set for the manufacture of horse riding hats to reduce accidents, Mr Fletcher, Consumer Affairs Minister, announced yesterday.

New criteria have been drawn up by the British Standards Institution for manufacturers and Mr Fletcher has been pressed to ban the sales of hats not meeting the new specifications.

Mr Fletcher said he was concerned about the number of accidents in which riders suffered head injuries, sometimes fatal, either because they had not been wearing a hat or had on with insufficient protection.

Bombs case man silent

ONE of two men accused of murdering three people during I R A bomb attacks in London chose not to give evidence at his Old Bailey trial yesterday.

PAUL KAVANAGH, 29, is accused of having been a member of the Provisional I R A group responsible for the 1981 attacks which killed two passers-by at Chelsea Barracks and Mr Kenneth Howarth, a bomb expert, in Oxford Street.

Kavanagh's fingerprints were found in a cache of bomb-making equipment found two years later at Pangbourne, Oxon, according to the prosecution.

The only witness to go into the witness box on his behalf was forensic science consultant, Mr Henry Bland, who said items recovered from the bombings were insufficient to establish an unequivocal link with the Pangbourne cache.

Kavanagh, of Crocus Street, Belfast, and THOMAS QUIGLEY, 29, from Glenalena Road, Belfast, have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mrs Norah Field, 59, and Mr John Breslin, 18, on Oct. 10, 1981, and Mr Howarth on Oct. 26. They deny attempting to murder Sir Stuart rning to murder Sir Steuart mandant-General, on Oct. 17, 1981.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Pc denies 'rape cover-up'

A POLICEWOMAN was accused of a cover up yesterday during a Manchester Magistrates Court hearing against a young woman who claims she was raped by two police officers.

Pc SHARON ROBERTS was giving evidence on the second day of the case of JACQUELINE BERKELEY, 21, who faces seven charges, including one of wasting police time.

Under cross-examination by Mr IAN MACDONALD, defending, Pc Roberts denied she was prepared to lie and exaggerate in order to hide the truth and protect her colleagues.

She said Miss Berkeley was the most violent person she had encountered in a police station following her arrest during a street disturbance in Manchester's Moss Side in April last year.

Ridiculous and wicked

Berkeley, of Haydn Avenue, Moss Side, claims she was raped in a cell at Greenheys police station by a plainclothes constable and a uniformed constable while two policewomen held her down.

Pc Roberts described the allegations as "ridiculous and wicked."

For the second day running supporters of the "Jackie Berkeley defence committee" demonstrated outside the court.

The case was adjourned until today.

GOSSIP WRITER LEAVES JAIL

Peter "Taki" Theodoracopulous, 47, the Greek gossip writer was freed yesterday from Pentonville after serving two-thirds of a four month sentence for trying to smuggle cocaine through Heathrow.

The writer of the High Life column in the SPECTATOR magazine slipped out of a side exit at the jail to avoid waiting reporters. No decision has yet been taken by the Home Office on whether to deport him back to America.

THEODORAKIS BAN

Mikis Theodorakis, composer of "Zorba the Greek" and other songs, has been banned from Greek radio and television networks because of new songs critical of the Greek government.

15 SNAKES STOLEN

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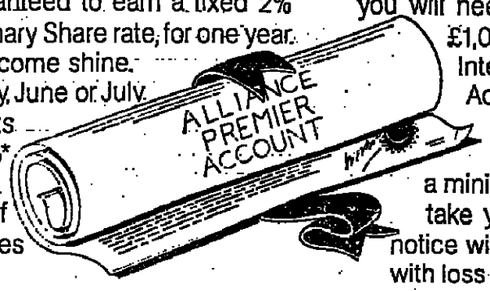

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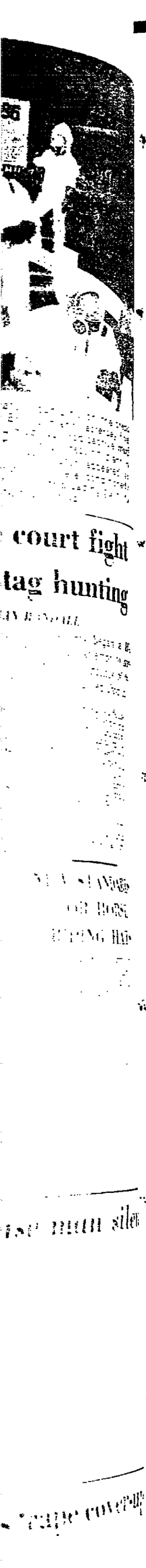

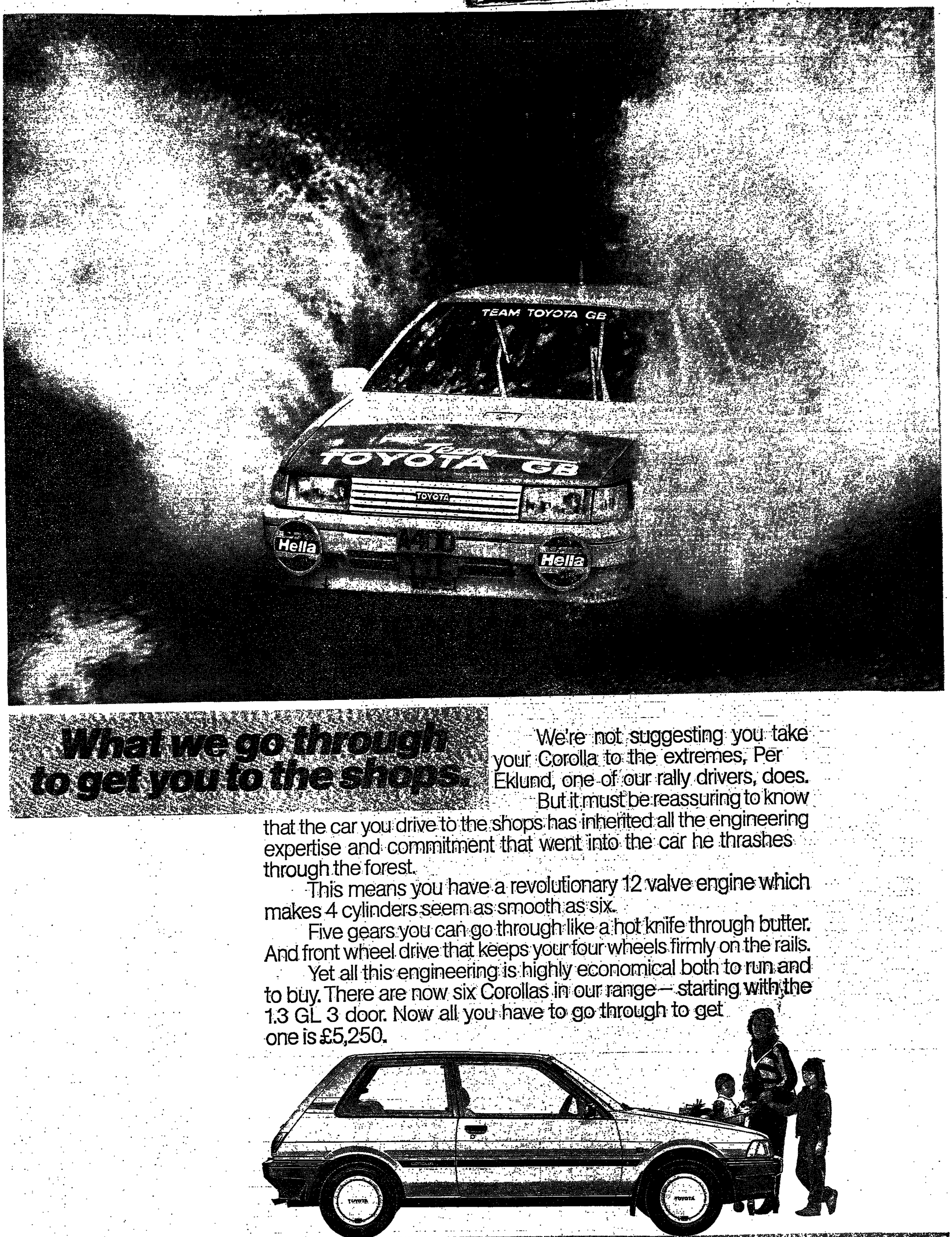

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PLEA FOR GOVERNMENT CASH TO KEEP GUY'S HEART UNIT OPEN

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

A DIRECT appeal to the Government to make more money available for life-saving open-heart surgery at Guy's Hospital was issued by Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority yesterday.

It said the appeal was a last ditch attempt to avoid the alternative of closing the heart unit for four months to bring its spending back within planned limits.

The unit has overspent its budget by £272,000 because surgeons have carried out more operations than planned.

The authority says it will have to close for up to four months to make good the overspending even though there is a long waiting list of patients needing urgent operations.

Operations doubled

A spokesman for the authority said: "The unit is threatened because the surgeons have been so efficient. They overshot their budget last year and have already completed their quota of heart operations for this year six weeks ahead of time."

Although the surgeons have doubled the number of operations they carry out over the past four years, the hospital cannot find the cash needed to nurse the extra patients while they are recovering from their operations.

The problem is compounded because the unit has developed such an outstanding reputation for open heart surgery that doctors are sending patients there from all over the country.

One quarter of the 510 patients given operations last year came from outside the South East Thames Health Authority, the parent body for Guy's Hospital.

Mr Peter Barker, chairman of Lewisham and North Southwark District Health Authority, said: "We would dearly like the DHSS to give us the extra funds necessary to support this outstandingly successful unit.

"However, if more money cannot be found, the unit will have to close to ensure that funds are not diverted from our services to local people."

The authority is also considering the possibility of sending patients from outside the area back to hospitals in their own areas after their operations so that Guy's will not have to pay for the cost of nursing them.

Another option under consideration is to charge the patient's "home" health authority for the cost of their care while at Guy's.

A spokesman for the authority said: "These are options we are looking at but the solutions are not easy. As the name implies, the health service is a National Health Service, not a local one, and doctors are free to refer patients to whichever hospital consultants they choose."

In the meantime, the outlook for heart patients is grim. Guy's already has 164 heart patients on its waiting list and a four-month closure would cause up to 180 operations to be postponed.

Unfavourable reaction

Some of them will be at risk of death before the time comes for their operation. Other local cardiac surgery units — St Thomas', King's and the Brook —are already working to capacity.

The Government also appears highly unlikely to make a special grant available. Mr Clarke, Health Minister, gave an unfavourable initial reaction to the health authority's request for more money.

He said: "It is quite silly that the whole thing is turned into sudden ultimatums saying do send us money tomorrow otherwise patients are likely to die in this unit. You can't run a health service on that basis."

KAREN YOUNG

Karen Young, 36, is recovering in High Wycombe hospital after being robbed of two rings worth £132,000. An actress now working in an estate agent's offices in Beaconsfield she was confused in a news agency report yesterday with former pop singer Karen Young.

British Telecom getting switched on to the Year of the Ox in the heart of London's Chinatown yesterday when two pagoda-style telephone kiosks went into operation in Soho's Gerrard Place—with instructions on how to use the modern press-button installations printed in Chinese and English.

CHUNNEL MOVE BY NATWEST

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

THE National Westminster Bank yesterday joined the consortium of top construction companies seeking Government permission to build a Channel tunnel.

It comes on the eve of the British and French governments receiving a "working party" report from their own civil servants which is expected to recommend proceeding with either a tunnel or bridge.

Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand have both agreed in principle to construction of a fixed crossing providing it does not involve governments in financial liability.

Leading contenders

The Channel Tunnel Group consisting of Balfour Beatty, Costain, Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow and Wimpey is one of the two leading contenders to provide a fixed-crossing at no cost to the taxpayer. The other is Euroroute.

"Natwest will be bankers and advisers to the Group," said the Channel Tunnel consortium yesterday. "The bank was a member of the independent Franco-British Channel link financing group which published its report last May.

"The report concluded that the seven-metre twin-bored tunnel scheme with roll-on roll-off facilities for road vehicles was the only scheme technically feasible and financially viable. This is the scheme we propose and it is considered to be the only one capable of being financed wholly by the private sector."

Salmonella in rat killed at food poison hospital

THE Yorkshire hospital where 19 old people died of food poisoning had salmonella in the drains, cockroaches in the kitchens, and a considerable rat population in the sewers, an inquiry at Wakefield was told yesterday.

One of the rats caught and killed in the kitchen had salmonella, said Mr TIMOTHY HARTLEY, Treasury solicitor.

The inquiry has been set up by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Until yesterday, health chiefs had believed cold beef was responsible for the salmonella contamination which infected more than 400 patients and staff at the city's Stanley Royd Hospital.

But Mr Hartley told the inquiry: "It may well be that the beef was a vehicle, but it is now virtually certain that the original source of this infection was poultry."

Evidence showed that frozen chickens had been thawed in the kitchens during the time of the outbreak and that those chickens had come into contact with either patients' food directly or been passed on by some person.

Mr Hartley said there had been salmonella outbreaks at the hospital in 1974 and 1979. In March 1982 mince had been returned from the wards as unacceptable and laboratory experiments showed that there would have been a "real danger if it had been eaten."

At the time of the latest outbreak there were 38 fewer qualified nursing staff than the recognised establishment.

Mr Hartley said that since 1978 there had been plans to upgrade the kitchens, but the cost of the project had risen from £25,000 at that time to £419,000 in 1985 and this had been cut back.

'Disaster area'

Mr CHRISTOPHER STOREY, of the local government officers' union, Nalgo, said that in 1978 a district catering officer compiled a report on the hospital kitchens describing them as "a culinary disaster area."

Mr Storey said the outbreak happened "as a result of a tale of neglect and decay in a Dickensian building.

"It was a tale of failure to heed dire warnings given by a responsible official six years before the outbreak and a tale of muddled priorities on the part of the health authority trying to do too little too late."

HOSPITALS WASTE 40 pc OF FOOD

By Our Health Services Correspondent

AS much as 40 per cent. of food prepared for hospital patients is thrown away, mostly because it is left uneaten on plates, a Department of Health report into the cost of hospital catering said yesterday.

It estimates that the NHS could save at least £20 million a year if this waste could be reduced by better planning.

Patients needed to be tempted into eating to help them recover but the most commonly voiced criticism of meals sent to wards was that they were allowed to become cold.

The report calls on hospitals to specify the quality of food ordered, to check it on arrival, store it properly, reduce opportunities for pilferage and match patients' needs more closely with meals supplied.

'Cut subsidy'

It recommends cuts in the £71 million a year subsidy on staff catering, which is worth an average of £90 per employee.

The report says it is right that the N.H.S., like other employers, should provide a subsidised meals service but that £10-£24 million a year is being lost because hospital authorities do not recover staff contributions to costs as they should. Further savings, of as much as £22 million, could be achieved by providing subsidised meals only for lower-paid staff.

The report was commissioned by Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, and carried out by Mr G. S. G. Steele, an official of South-East Thames Regional Health Authority.

Mr Patten, junior Health Minister, has written to all health authorities asking them to improve their catering services in the light of the report's recommendations.

Inquiry clears BBC of overstaffing says Milne

By ROBIN STRINGER TV and Radio Correspondent

THE Government-instigated "value for money" inquiry into the BBC, due to be published soon, clears the corporation of accusations of overmanning.

Mr Alasdair Milne, the BBC's director-general, told the Broadcasting Press Guild at Broadcasting House yesterday: "Peat Marwick and Mitchell, the accountants who conducted the inquiry, were unable to say in any way that the BBC is overmanned.

"Since 1968, the production output per employee at BBC Television has risen by 16 per cent. and in radio by 74 per cent., a record of which any industry might be proud.

"BBC Television and local radio employs about 18,500 people as opposed to commercial broadcasting's 19,000, but whereas BBC Television costs on average £34,500 an hour, the comparable ITV figure is £50,000 an hour."

Mr Milne said that the corporation was discussing programme costings with Channel 4. "But the independent channel has not yet proved that its costs are much cheaper than ours."

The report also endorses the BBC's contention that inflation is running higher in broadcasting than the national rate.

The report, now being considered by the Home Office before its decision on the licence fee is announced by the end of March, cost about £250,000 to compile, a cost borne by the BBC and hence by the licence-payer.

Mr Milne admitted that in this first fully public debate about the renewal of the licence fee, he had encountered "a slightly lesser degree of affection" for the BBC than had existed 20 years ago.

Clash on radio job cuts

By OUR TV AND RADIO CORRESPONDENT

A PROPOSAL to reduce the size of the news staff at Radio Wyvern, which covers the Hereford and Worcester area, is being resisted by the National Union of Journalists who see the plan as symptomatic of the ills afflicting independent local radio as a whole.

The union, which is calling for a Royal Commission on radio and television because it fears a collapse in broadcasting standards, will raise the issue with the Association of Independent Radio Contractors today and the Independent Broadcasting Authority tomorrow.

It will argue that the proposed cutback from six journalists to two breaks Radio Wyvern's commitment in its franchise application to provide a local news service and is in breach of the Broadcasting Act.

Station's losses

Radio Wyvern, said to have lost £400,000 since opening in October, 1982, maintains it has no choice. It has asked the union to be allowed to shed staff.

Mr John Foster, the union's broadcasting organiser, believes that the threat to local independent radio is considerable.

"Leicester's Centre Radio was forced to shut down in 1983 and left the city without commercial radio for ten months, and Radio Aire in Leeds has been forced to merge with Red Rose Radio of Preston as has CBC in Cardiff with Radio Gwent in Newport," he said.

"Even with the existing revenue from advertising, local commercial radio faces a bleak future," Mr Foster said.

COMPLAINT UPHELD

T V programme

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission has upheld "on all counts" a complaint by the Newspaper Society against a Channel 4 programme about the STOCKPORT MESSENGER dispute with the National Graphical Union.

The society claimed that the programme, "To Break a Union," in the Diverse Reports series, which was broadcast on Feb. 29 last year, was unbalanced and heavily prejudiced against the society and its members whose views were misrepresented.

The programme turned out not to be largely about the society's new technology initiative, Project Breakthrough, as it had anticipated, but about the MESSENGER dispute. No mention was made of the fact that Mr Eddie Shah, head of the MESSENGER group, was not and never had been a member of the society.

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5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving six weeks' notice.

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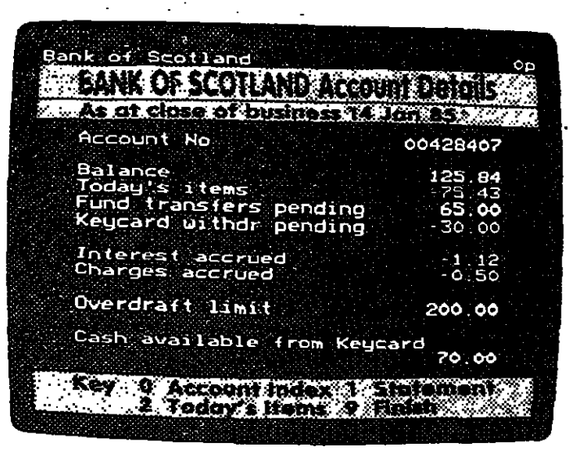

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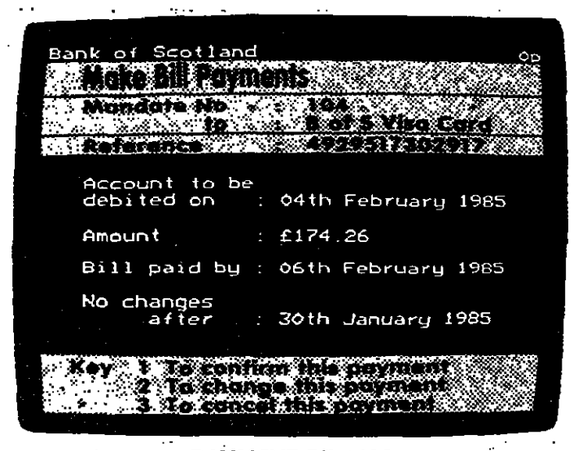

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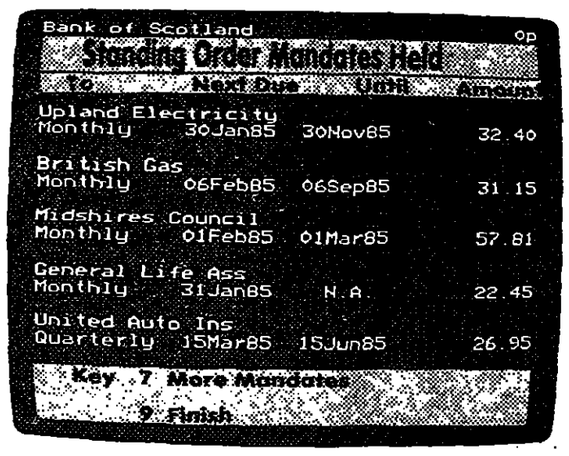

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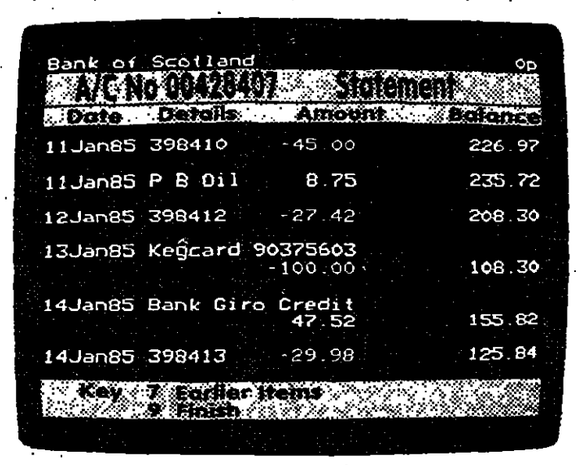

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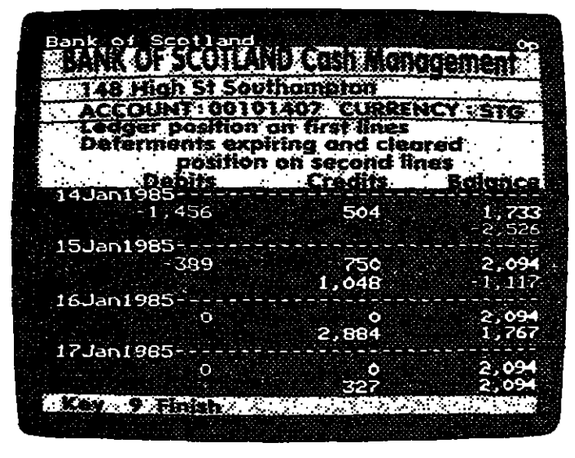

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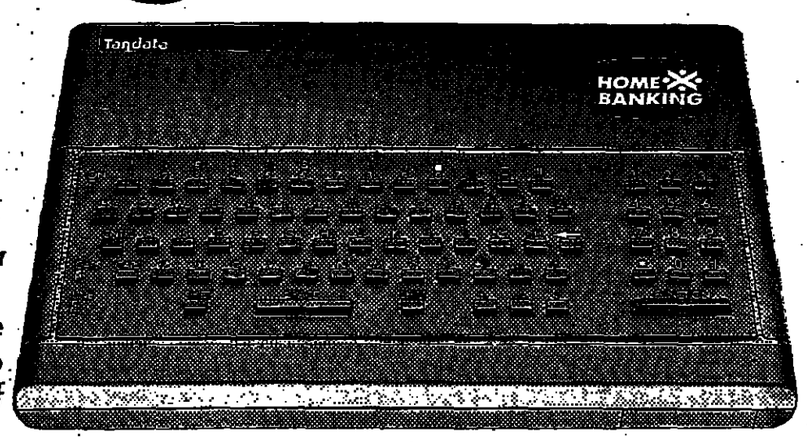

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Tebbit tells Directors' Institute: 'Leave boardroom and spread the enterprise culture'

BUSINESS LEADERS URGED TO GO OUT INTO SCHOOLS

DIRECTORS were urged yesterday by Mr Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary, to leave the boardroom and go out into schools to spread the "enterprise culture."

Mr Tebbit told the Institute of Directors' annual convention: "It is no use business and commerce just complaining about the attitudes among our young people and the failure of our education system.

"It is up to you to go into schools and get involved."

He was given a rapturous reception by the 4,000-strong audience and in a wide-ranging opening address to the convention also made it clear the Government is looking for faster progress on privatising British Leyland and greater competition in service industries.

He said that Britain needed to create an enterprise culture, a society where successful entrepreneurs are respected and admired, not treated with suspicion and disdain.

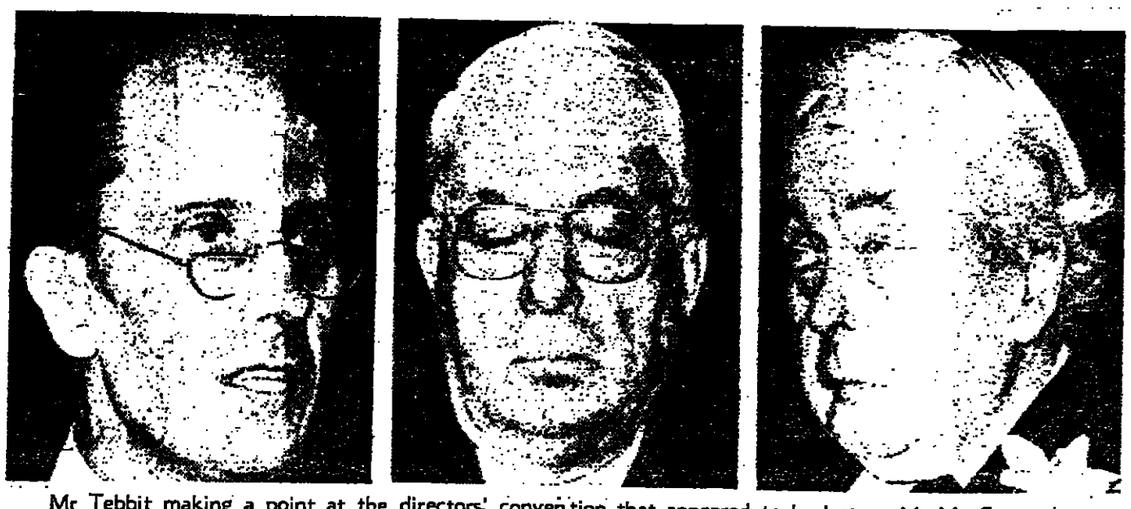
The country needed to see less envy of other people's achievements and mistrust of commerce and a greater readiness "to get out there and join in the process."

He added: "I do not doubt that some of what is taught in our schools is wholly irrelevant to the needs of modern society and that many of the young people who come to you for jobs have no knowledge of the skills you require.

"But if that is to change, then schools need to be told what is required, they need help with information and resources. They need contact with the outside world."

In Britain, it was still natural for people to disparage work creation and enterprise: to knock the profit motive: to sneer at the protestant work ethic and carp at the efforts of those who are out to earn more by putting their own funds at risk in their own business.

Reports by ROLAND GRIBBEN and GERALD BARTLETT



Mr Tebbit making a point at the directors' convention that appeared to be lost on Mr MacGregor but not on Lord Wilson.

Britain 'still heading for wrong destination'

BRITAIN is still heading for the wrong destination despite the achievements made by the Prime Minister since 1979, Sir JOHN HOSKYNS told the convention.

Sir John, in his first major address to directors since taking over as director-general last year, recalled that at last year's event there had been a feeling that an economic miracle might at last be in sight. "Today people are not so sure."

"After travelling hopefully for 40 years, Britain is still heading for the wrong destination." The central problems were uncontrollable spending, intolerable taxation, chaotic welfare, and unions which have yet to find a role.

"With the best of intentions we have designed a system which cannot work. The temporary financial stability achieved over the past five years gives us our first and, perhaps, last chance to replace it with one that does."

Expressing concern to hear people celebrating the "great change of attitudes" over the past five years, Sir John declared: "The process has scarcely started. It bothers me when people rationalise our failure in manufacturing as a natural accompaniment to North Sea oil or the growth of the service sector.

"We have declined in manufacturing because we have not been good enough at it. The question is 'why?' and the answer is not a simple matter of blaming sleepy management or obstructive unions, though of course both exist.

"There are very few things we have been good enough at. We are still struggling to break out of the 15 years of leadership failures by politicians, civil servants, directors and managers, trade union leaders and teachers."

Sir John said it was "still touch and go" and went on: "By all means let us be optimists after so many years of establishment pessimism, but our optimism should be based on clear thinking not on woolly sentiment."

But far more had been achieved since 1979 than Mrs Thatcher and the Government had been given credit for. There was still, however, no adequate organisation or method in Whitehall for developing a shared understanding of what remains to be done, nor for communicating that understanding in such a way as to command general assent.

"And time is getting short."

Prince sees human potential as hope for shattered areas

NEARLY 30 years of effort to wipe out slum conditions throughout Britain has not solved the housing problem, the Prince of Wales told the Institute of Directors' convention in London yesterday.

Inner city economic decline led to physical deterioration and countless social problems, he said.

Visiting these areas made him wonder how people were able to live in "such inhuman conditions."

The Prince said that redevelopment following slum clearance had made the poor more vulnerable and had destroyed the sense of community by breaking up traditional family and neighbourhood networks.

The problems of shattered communities were greatest in areas over dependent on single industries where technological changes had made original communities redundant.

This left behind vacant buildings, and contaminated, damaged or polluted land.

The Prince said: "The hopelessness felt in such communities is compounded by the decay all around, the vandalism and the inability to control their own lives in any way, beyond the basic requirements of day-to-day survival in a hostile environment.

"With such conditions prevailing landlords and businessmen are generally unwilling to invest in these areas and the whole private sector tends to argue that there is little point in pouring money into a bottomless hole where there is no effective demand."

Entrenched belief

He added: "It is high time we once again respected flights of the spirit: high time we concentrated our collective efforts on unleashing the vast, transforming and regenerative potential which lies within the individual as a member of his community."

There was an enormous human resource waiting to be given the incentive and encouragement to play a fuller part in contributing to the common good.

Prince Charles said there often appeared to be an entrenched belief that those who ran Government committees and development boards knew what was good for those who tried to wrest their living from the land.

"In fact it is the small community-based schemes which tend to have the greater long-term success," he said.

It was when it was realised that development was basically about people being helped to understand what they could achieve in their own interest that projects succeeded and a real contribution was made to the life of their community, and ultimately to that of the nation.

Very little could be achieved however without effective management and without the professional acting as an "enabler" said the Prince.

It meant that the architect, for instance, had to live in the community he was working with and had to set up an office to act as the focal point for the operation.

Prince Charles said there was still a long way to go to change people's attitudes and to create the new values needed to guide inner city development.

"It is, of course, difficult to alter what almost amounts to a culture surrounding traditional reliance on a dominant local industry and gradually develop a more self-reliant approach," he said.

"There is much resistance that stems from the inertia and conservatism of the financial institutions and developers that control the bulk of the resources."

But the main obstacles to this type of initiative were the paternalism of central and local government, general bureaucratic inertia and a lack of effective management.

Partnership needed

The Prince said that ordinary people could be encouraged to solve their environmental problems by a more coherent approach through programmes of the Environment and Trade and Industry Departments and the Manpower Services Commission.

Secondly there was an urgent need for a liberal interpretation of the rules by city authorities to allow a mixture of use in inner cities which could help restore a sense of community and a village atmosphere.

A third point was that directors of private businesses had a vital role in securing the future of inner cities.

Prince Charles said: "Above all else it seems to me we must ensure that the public and private sectors are interdependent and operate in partnership."

He concluded: "Whatever happens let us try and put our heart and soul into transforming the inner city areas into more attractive places in which to live and work.

"What we need now are many more people refusing to be put off and demanding a creative dialogue between the architect and patron where both truly care about the quality of the end product.

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Economic policy short-sighted, says Ezra

By JOHN PETTY Commercial Correspondent

THERE is a strong case for the Government to change its economic policy, Lord Ezra, former chairman of the National Coal Board, said last night.

"In pursuit of reducing public expenditure, the Government has found itself unable to reduce current spending because of rising social demands, including the massive cost of unemployment," he said. "They have therefore turned to capital expenditure."

It was short-sighted policy, as the National Economic Development Council was pointing out. It meant the fabric of the nation was deteriorating. Even essential repairs and maintenance were being neglected.

Simply to get repairs and maintenance back into line meant spending an extra £2,000 million on hospitals and £5,000 million on public-sector housing.

Schools were short by as much as 40 per cent in spending on essential maintenance. Roads were being resurfaced far less frequently than necessary. There was a major backlog in repair and renewal of water and sewerage systems.

"In spite of this, current government policies are likely to make the situation even worse," he said. The freezing of large sums of money, like the £5,000 million raised by the sale of council houses, prevented vital work being tackled, he told the Scottish section of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors at their annual dinner.

ARAB PHONES DEAL

An order for 45,000 push-button telephones complete with instructions in Arabic has been placed by Bahrain Telecommunications with General Electric. They will be made at the company's factory in Aycliffe, Durham.

World trade to grow

By OUR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

A GOOD year with growth of about 5-6 per cent. is in prospect for world trade Mr Arthur Dunkel, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said in his address to the convention.

The improvement would be less than last year's record growth and came against the background of growing protectionism and an increase in non-tariff trade barriers, he added.

Mr Dunkel said that the United States' enormous trade deficit is not the result of unfair practices by competitors but to the strength of the American recovery and the dollar.

Mr A. W. Clausen, president of the World Bank, called for a greater effort by the private sector to aid developing countries.

There was an urgent need to reduce the chronic lack of mutual confidence between developing country Governments and business, he said, adding that Third World countries should consider denationalising State assets.

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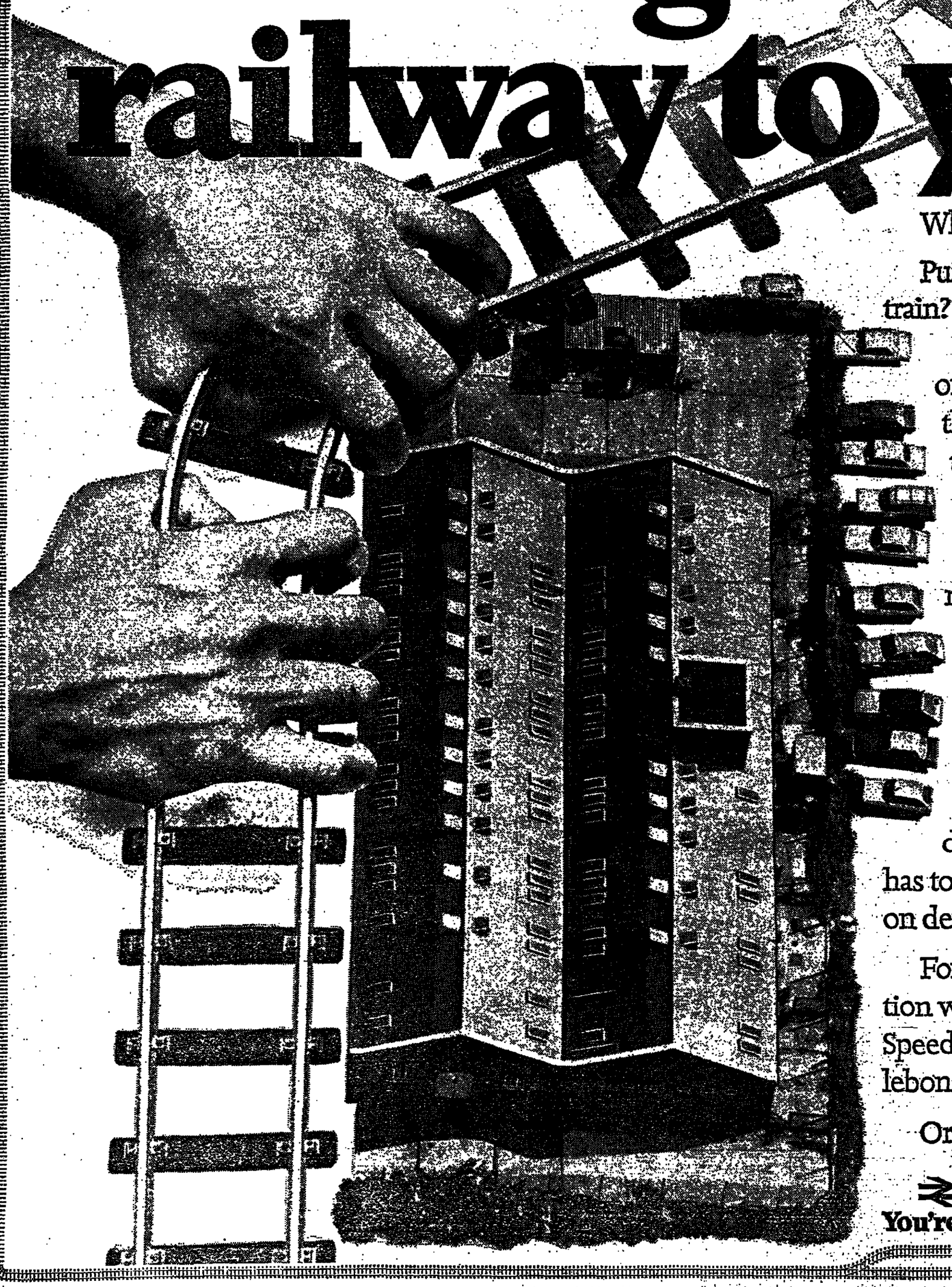

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Yesterday in Parliament

THATCHER IS BLAMED FOR 'FAILURE' OVER THE £

By ANTHONY LOOCH

THE failure of the Prime Minister's attempts to flatter President Reagan and persuade him to help the pound were directly responsible for the current collapse of sterling. Mr KINNOCK claimed in the Commons yesterday.

After Mrs Thatcher had made a statement about her visit to Washington, the Opposition Leader asked whether she was going to do something to arrest the slide in the value of the pound.

Or was she just going to sit back "helplessly and hopelessly" and watch it fall to less than parity with the dollar?

Mrs THATCHER replied that Mr Kinnock seemed to be ignoring the fact that the dollar had surged against all European currencies and the Japanese yen.

He was also "conveniently ignoring" the fact that over the past month sterling had appreciated against all major currencies except the yen and the dollar.

Joint intervention against the rise in the dollar could only be done on a comparatively limited scale, and this had been done in accordance with the Williamsburg Agreement.

"The other weapon is interest rates. I am not sure whether you are urging them to go up in Britain or not." Mrs Thatcher told Mr Kinnock.

Principal themes

In her statement, Mrs Thatcher said the principal themes in her talks with President Reagan and other members of his Administration were East-West relations and arms control, economic issues and the Middle East.

"We agreed that the West's objective in the negotiations which will open in Geneva on March 12 should be a sizeable and verifiable reduction in nuclear weapons, which would allow us to maintain security at a lower level of weaponry and at lower cost.

"In our discussions on the Strategic Defence Initiative, we reaffirmed the four points agreed during my visit to Camp David in December.

"In particular, we agreed that research, as permitted under the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, should go ahead, but that eventual deployment of a defensive system in space would be a matter for negotiation under the terms of the treaty."

Mrs Thatcher said she had explained the concern in Europe at the continued rise of the dollar against other currencies.

"I found this concern widely shared within the American Administration, not least because of the adverse effect on their own agricultural and manufacturing industries, but it was recognised that no easy remedy existed.

Russian progress

"The President and I agreed that the best contribution the United States could make to a long-term solution lay in a reduction of their budget deficit. The President has put specific proposals to this end."

Mr KINNOCK asked why Mrs Thatcher had done a complete U-turn over America's "Star Wars" policy and was showing such "pathetic waste" to fall in behind the American initiative.

Mrs THATCHER replied that she had always supported American research on the Strategic Defence Initiative because the Russians were already well on the way in this area.

"It is absolutely vital for the United States to engage in research to catch up with the Soviet Union and make sure that the nuclear deterrent "remains balanced," she said.

Mr ROBERT SHELDON (Lab. Ashton-under-Lyne) said the abolition of exchange controls in Britain had been a grave mistake.

Mrs THATCHER said that since 1979 the dollar had appreciated greatly against a number of other currencies, including the franc, despite the fact that France had exchange controls.

Belief in Nato

Mr WILLIAM HAMILTON (Lab., Fife C) asked whether it had been wise for Mrs Thatcher to criticise New Zealand, a friendly Commonwealth country, just to get the approval of the American government.

"Will you never understand that no matter how much you lick President Reagan's boots, he and his government are going to go their own way and are not taking a blind bit of notice of you?" he asked.

Mrs THATCHER said she had made it perfectly clear that her party believed in Nato. "So long as we believe in Nato, we cannot reveal what kind of weapons our ships carry," she added.

Mr HAMILTON: Americans are not taking a blind bit of notice.

Mr ANDREW FAULDS (Lab. Warley E) said that one the massive "Star Wars" industry in America was built up over the next 20 to 30 years it would be impossible to abandon the project because of the effect this would have on the American economy.

Mr IAN WRIGGLESWORTH (Soc. Dem., Stock S) said the only answer to the exchange rate situation was for Britain to enter the European Monetary System.

Mrs THATCHER replied that all the European currencies in the system were at record lows against the dollar.

'Absurd' comment

Mr DICK DOUGLAS (Lab. Dunfermline W.) said it had been embarrassing to see "the so-called Iron Lady" behaving like a simpering teenager over a B-grade actor in America.

She should stop praising the American economy and do something to enhance the British economy and do something to enhance the British economy, by building up its manufacturing base and preventing British capital and monetary assets from puoring into the United States.

Mrs THATCHER told Mr Douglas that his first comment was "absolutely absurd and ridiculous." She admired the United States because so many jobs had been created there over the past 20 years by the people, and not by government."

Tory acclaims visit's 'outstanding success'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

DURING Prime Minister's Question Time the Opposition jeered when Mr Eric Forth (C., Mid-Worcestershire) congratulated Mrs Thatcher on the "oustanding success" of her visit to Washington.

He asked her to confirm that she agreed with President Reagan that if their currencies were to establish a correct relationship with the dollar the European countries would have to move towards American Labour laws, American labour mobility and social security and attitudes to work.

Mrs THATCHER: "part of the strength of the dollar is the great strength of the American economy, particularly in the matters to which you referred . . . to much lower public expenditure, much better labour laws and, as the President said, to the fact that when it comes to job creation it is individual workers, business people and entrepreneurs, and not government, which has created virtually every one of the seven million new jobs over the past two years."

Mr BRYAN GOULD (Lab. Dagenham) asked the Prime Minister if interest rates were to go still higher "or do we have to live both with the plunging pound and record interest rates which have failed to do their job."

Mrs THATCHER replied that over the last day the dollar had reached a record high against almost all European currencies, but over the last month sterling had appreciated against all the major currencies except the yen and the dollar.

"Interest rates are designed to maintain strict monetary conditions and it would be singularly unhelpful for me to answer any questions on future interest rates or about intervention," she said. "It would be totally wrong to do so."

Teachers pay inquiry plea rejected

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

A CALL for an independent inquiry into teachers' pay was rejected by Mrs THATCHER in the Commons yesterday.

She also said that for teachers to pursue a pay claim at the expense of children in their care was utterly and totally wrong.

Some Conservatives shouted that Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Opposition Leader, who teaches in Brent, was on strike.

Urging the Government to agree to an independent pay review as a fair way of settling the problem, Mr TOM CLARKE (Lab. Monklands E.) told the Prime Minister: "Parents are worried because they do not want to see the same intransigence on this dispute as you have shown over the miners' strike.

Mrs THATCHER replied that the claim for a minimum flat rate increase of £1,200 a teacher would cost about £600 million, all of which would have to come from taxpayers, from elsewhere within education or from other parts of Government.

Teachers' pay had kept pace with inflation since 1979, she said.

"The employers have offered arbitration and they have refused, and I therefore see no reason for an independent inquiry."

Mr TIM SMITH (C. Beaconsfield) described the teaching strikes as a grave dereliction of duty which would further damage the reputation of the profession and its claim to put the interests of pupils first.

Peer claims pay 'discrepancies'

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

WHAT individual political parties spend in conducting their business in the Lords is a matter for them said Lord WHITELAW, Lord President of the Council in Question Time exchanges yesterday.

Lord DIAMOND, chairman of the Liberal peers, said there were enormous discrepancies between the two Houses of Parliament.

There were payments by the Exchequer to some individual peers. Were these to be made more widespread in accordance with party membership since 85 peers took either the SDP or Liberal whips.

Lord WHITELAW said that for the best of all possible reasons he did not know what the parties paid to run their business in the Lords because he was not supposed to know and it was none of his business.

Exchequer payments to the Opposition parties took account of the number of Commons seats they won at the last election.

He hoped Lord Diamond and his party felt they got what they should from their own party in the Commons. But if they did not, they should attach any blame to their parties and not to him.

The maximum payable to each opposition party by the Treasury to help conduct their parliamentary business, as resolved by the Commons last month, means the Labour party gets £440,355, the Liberals £88,641 and the Social Democrats £62,562.

The Scottish National party collect £7,977, Plaid Cymru £4,878, Ulster Unionists £20,397 and the Democratic Unionist party £6,789.

FLUORIDE BILL ATTACKED

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

CONSERVATIVE backbenchers, who oppose the flouridation of water, returned to tse attack in the Commons last night on a Government Bill which seeks to remove doubts about the legality of the practice.

Mr KEITH BEST (C. Ynys Mon.) accused the Government of "arrogance" in promoting fluoridation as a means of stopping tooth decay but not monitoring possibly harmful effects on health.

The Water (Fluoridation) Bill has been brought forward in response to a ruling by a Scottish judge in 1983 that Scottish water authorities did not have the legal power to add fluoride to supplies.

The legislation restores the necessary powers in Scotland and confirms them elsewhere. Decisions on whether or not to add fluoride remain with the local health and water authority.

The Government has allowed free votes on the Bill, accepting that it raises a matter of conscience. A number of Conservatives, who oppose fluoridation as an infringement of individual liberty, have taken the opportunity to vote against the Bill.

'Harm to heath'

During the Bill's report stage yesterday, Mr Best claimed that 21 Ministers — "some quarter or more of the Government's payroll vote" — had expressed opposition to the practice in the past.

He moved a new clause calling on the Health Department to monitor the effects of flouridation, and the "harm to health and plant and aquatic life."

Mr Best also moved a clause giving the Minister the power to stop the practice.

He complained that the Bill had a "wishy-washy" provision that health authorities should ensure that the concentration of fluoride in water should be "so far as is reasonably practical" maintained at one milligram per litre.

The responsibility for monitoring should really rest with Ministers, he said.

'Idiot ideas'

Mr KENNETH CLARKE, Health Minister, said that water authorities had monitored fluoride levels for 30 years without any complaint from the public.

Mr Clarke said that no reputable body concerned with health standards objected to fluoridation. People had sought constantly to establish a link between fluoride and various diseases and conditions.

He angered his Conservative critics by adding: "When these links are knocked down some other idiot idea is raised by some retired dental officer in New Zealand."

Mr NICHOLAS FAIRBAIRN (C., Perth and Kinross) said the public would not be reassured by a Minister dismissing scientific research as "idiotic" because it did not agree with his argument.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Debates on the plight of 3rd World refugees: on the need for a independent register of practitioners in natural medicine and on Government steps to see public money is never again squandered on a De Lorean-type enterprise.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Debate on an Opposition motion on local authority capital expenditure: Representation of the People Bill, rmng stages.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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PAIGE.—On Feb. 25, after a long illness, bravely but peacefully at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, EVELYN STEPHEN, dearly loved and loving. Greatly missed by his wife Eva and daughters Alice and Jann. Cremation on March 1, at 12.30 p.m., Golders Green Crematorium.

PEACOCK. — On Feb. 25, in hospital, CATHERINE AGNES, aged 76 years, widow of DUNBAR PEACOCK and very dear mother of Lin. Service at Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Road, Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. Flowers may be sent to J. B. Shakespeare Limited, 67, George Street, Croydon.

PEATY.—On Feb. 22, 1985, in Ocone, HILDA, aged 91 years, late of Bristol. Loved and loved mother of Pamela and Sheila and devoted grandmother.

PERRY.—On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully at Launceston, ADELAIDE JANE PERRY (Addie), aged 83, beloved wife of the late Sidney Thomas Perry, dear mother of John, Peter and Joan. Funeral service on Friday, Feb. 28, at 2.30 p.m., Lawhitton Parish Church, near Launceston.

PHILIP.—On Feb. 24, peacefully at Chislehurst, in his 85th year, HUGH CLARK, formerly of Bromley, Kent, a much loved father and grandfather.

PILLINGER.—On Feb. 25, peacefully, MARJORIE FRANCES ELLIS, of Rockleaze Avenue, Sneyd Park, Bristol. Lovingly remembered by all her family. Service at St Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop, on Friday, March 1, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Canford. No letters, please. Flowers to Thomas Davis Chapels of Rest, Southville.

POLLARD.—On Feb. 22, at Wishmore Rest Home, Avenue Road, Malvern, EMILY CONSTANCE, aged 91 years.

POWER.—On Feb. 25, 1985, MARIA JOHANNA, of Lincoln, beloved wife of the late Squadron Leader HENRY POWER, dear mother of Peggy and Anne and loving grandmother and great-grandmother.

PROCTOR.—On Feb. 24, 1985, passed peacefully away at Bridge House, Twyford, Miss STELLA BROWNSWORD PROCTOR, in her 89th year, late Headmistress of Dane Court Domestic College, Oxshott. Funeral at Reading Crematorium on Monday, March 4, at 2.15 p.m. Floral tributes to Tomalin Chapel of Rest, 34, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, or donations if desired to the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, Vicarage Gate, London, W8.

QUIN.—On Feb. 22, 1985, at Stockerwick Nursing Home, near Bath, MARJORIE VIVIAN, widow of Dr W. Quin, formerly of Saltford, near Bristol. Funeral service Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday, March 1, at 2.20 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Jollys, funeral directors, 15, Milsom Street, Bath.

RASBURN.—On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully at home, ETHEL CHARLOTTE (Pat), of The Green, Turvey, dearly loved wife of Ras. Funeral service at Turvey Parish Church on Friday, March 1, at 11.30 a.m. Inquiries to Clarabut & Pearce, Bedford, tel. 54547.

RAYNER.—On Feb. 25, peacefully in a Sheffield hospital, MURIEL, the treasured wife of GEORGE RAYNER and mother of Leslie, Stanley. Service at the Sheffield Cathedral, Monday, March 4, at 10.45 a.m., followed by cremation at the Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Inquiries to John Heath & Sons, funeral directors, Sheffield.

READ.—On Feb. 26, in hospital, HORACE ALBERT, of 9, Fir Tree Walk, Enfield, beloved husband of Norah. Service at Enfield Crematorium, Tuesday, March 5, at 9.45 a.m. No flowers but donations if desired to R.S.P.B., Sandy, Beds.

READ.—On Feb. 25, at her home in Upminster, MARY MARALAN, aged 80 years. Reception into St Laurence Parish Church, Upminster, Thursday, Feb. 28, at 9.30 p.m. Funeral service on Friday, March 1, at 12 noon, followed by interment. Floral tributes to B. F. Mulley & Son, 254, St. Mary's Lane, Upminster, Essex.

REID.—On Feb. 24, 1985, peacefully at home, ELIZABETH, dear friend of Margaret Mackenzie, Founder and Managing Director of Reid Typewriters and Office Equipment Ltd., Reading, Berks. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Monday, March 4, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, please. If desired donations for Orton Bigg (British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association) may be sent to Yeomans, Funeral directors, 24, Albert Road, Rochester, tel. 741340.

ROBERTS.—On Feb. 20, passed peacefully away, CHRISTINA S. Funeral, Wednesday, March 6, at 12 noon, West London Crematorium. Inquiries John Nodes & Son, 181, Ladbroke Grove, London, W10 6HH, 01-969 1819.

ROBINSON.—On Feb. 26, peacefully at home, Vic. Now greatly missed by MSor and all the family.

ROGERHAGEN.—On Feb. 20, 1985, at R.A.F.A. Home, Sussexdown, Storrington, ARTHUR ERIK, aged 83. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, 12.30 p.m., Friday, March 1.

ROPER.—On Feb. 24, 1985, peacefully at Lakeper Nursing Home, Worthing, FRANCES (née Hubbard), aged 85 years, beloved aunt, sister and friend. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Monday, March 4, at 2.15 p.m.

ROWLAND.—On Feb. 22, 1985, peacefully in hospital at Wrexham after a short illness, HUMPHREY CUMBERBATCH ROWLAND, dearly loved husband of Joey and younger son of the late Sir Leonard and Lady Rowland, of Wrexham. Cremation at Pentrebychan, Wrexham, on Friday, March 1, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to the Wrexham Parish Church Fabric Fund.

RUSSELL.—On Feb. 25, 1985, at the Villa Maria Nursing Home, Ewell, Surrey, LILY, widow of Ernest and much loved mother of Ruth. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday, March 4, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

SALKELD.—On Feb. 24, 1985, in his sleep, following a short illness, LEONARD UNTHANK SALKELD, O.B.E., formerly of Rio Tinto, Spain, devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby, on Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m. Family flowers. Donations if wished to Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa, 3, Rectory Grove, London, S.W.4.

SAUL.—On Feb. 25, 1985, MABEL SAUL, aged 97, of 17, Manor Road, Sherborne St John, beloved mother of Irene and widow of Gordon M. Saul, of Boscombe Hospital. No flowers, please, but donations to Basingstoke Branch of the R.S.P.C.A.

SCREACH.—On Feb. 22, peacefully in her sleep in Australia, after many years' devoted service to the Henty family, RUTH FLORENCE MAY, aged 88.

SHACKEL.—On Feb. 25, 1985, died peacefully, DORIS RUTH, widow of Maurice Herbert Richard.

SHEEHAN.—On Feb. 24, peacefully JOHN. Requiem Mass 10 a.m. On Monday, March 4, at St. Mary's High Street, Forest, followed by cremation at Porchester. At rest.

SHEPHERD. — On Feb. 22, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ALEXANDER JOHN, aged 83, of Lindfield, Sussex, beloved husband of Mildred, much loved father of David and Veronica and dearly loved grandfather. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Lindfield, on Friday, March 1, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Floral tributes, or donations if desired, may be sent to the League of Friends, Haywards Heath Hospital, c/o Masters & Son, Lindfield, Sussex, RH16 2HR.

SHUTE.—On Feb. 23, peacefully, BARBARA EMILY URSULA, aged 87, widow of Lt-Col. G. L. F. SHUTE, M.C. Cremation at Southampton on Tuesday, March 5, at 2.45 p.m. Family flowers only.

SINGLETON.—On Feb. 22, 1985, peacefully in her 90th year, at Christopher Grange, ELEANOR SINGLETON, the dearly loved aunt of Sheila and all her nieces and nephews, last surviving child of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Singleton. Service and cremation at Anfield 100. Service and cremation, Anfield Crematorium, Liverpool, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 1.40 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations if so desired to Catholic Blind Institute, Christopher Grange, Youens Way, Liverpool 14. Inquiries to Walter Stevens Ltd., funeral directors, Broadgreen Road, Liverpool 14, tel. 051-228 5500.

SMITH. — On Feb. 25, 1985, at Ballochmyle Hospital, Mauchline, Ayrshire, DAVID LARMER SMITH, in his 80th year, of 17, Bellevue Crescent, Ayr, and formerly of Dunmurry, Ayrshire, beloved husband of Margaret. Funeral service at Masonhill Crematorium, by Ayr, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 2.30 p.m., to which all friends are invited. No flowers, please.

SMITH. — On Saturday, Feb. 23, peacefully, at Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham, JILL PATRICIA (née Bylord) of Willow Grove, Old Stratford, Milton Keynes, formerly of Plumstead, aged 45 years, dearly loved wife of Dennis George and beloved mother of Andrew and Claire. Loved and remembered always. Funeral service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Cosgrove, Milton Keynes, 2.15 p.m., Friday, March 1, followed by cremation. No flowers, please. Donations for Cancer Research may be sent c/o J. S. Cowley & Son Ltd., 71, High Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes (0908) 565353.

SOMERSET-FRY. — On Feb. 25, after a short illness, LEN, of Fishmarket Street, Thaxted, Essex. Funeral service at Thaxted Parish Church on Friday, March 1, at 11.15 a.m., followed by cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium, 12.30 p.m. Floral tributes may be sent to P. Francis & Co. (Thaxted) Ltd., 14, Town Street, Thaxted, Essex.

SOUTHWELL.—On Tuesday, Feb. 26, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, after a long illness, Capt. ROWLAND SOUTHWELL, R.A.P.C. (Retd). Leaves a sorrowing wife and family.

SPARROW.—On Feb. 21, 1985, the result of a heart attack whilst on holiday in Majorca, GEORGE HENRY SPARROW, aged 80 years, of Redhill, Surrey, dad to Pam and husband of the late Nell, retired Director, J. L. Jameson Ltd. Funeral service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Horley, Friday, March 8, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to the R.N.L.I.

SPENCER.—On Feb. 21, suddenly at home in Seaford, JOHN STANHOPE SPENCER, L.D.S., R.C.S.Eng., recently of Tunbridge Wells, most beloved husband of Audrey, darling father of Anne, and adored grandpa of James, Anthony, Nicholas and Peter. Cremation private. No flowers, please, but donations in lieu to British Heart Foundation, c/o Seaford Funeral Service, 0323 893839.

STUBBS.—On Feb. 21, 1985, in an Eastbourne nursing home, NAOMI FRANCES ALTYNE STUBBS, dearly loved daughter of Francis and Amy Stubbs. Funeral service at the Church of St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne, Sussex, on Monday, March 4, at 2.15 p.m. Flowers to Haine & Son Ltd, 19, South Street, Eastbourne.

STYLE.—On Feb. 21, 1985, at her home and in peace, SIGRID ELISABETH, Lady STYLE, adored wife of Godfrey and greatly loved mother, grandmother and friend, in her 65th year. Funeral, to which all friends will be welcome, at St Mary's Church, Norton-sub-Hamdon, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, to the Church and by her special wish donations, if desired, to the Rector, The Rectory, Middle Chinnock, Crewkerne, Somerset, for the maintenance and benefit of St Mary's Church, Norton-sub-Hamdon.

SWANN. — On Feb. 23, peacefully after short illness, BERNARD WALTER, formerly of Ridlington, Norfolk, loved brother of Dorothy.

TAYLOR.—On Feb. 25, 1985, at Evendine House, Colwall, CHRISTABEL MARY, formerly of New Street, Ledbury, widow of HORACE TAYLOR. Funeral service at Ledbury Parish Church on Monday, March 4, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired for Ledbury Parish Church to B. Hereford, Holmesdale, Newbury Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

TAYLOR. — On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully, MARY HILDRED, of Weybridge and previously Harrogate, dearly loved mother and grandmother.

TERRY.—On Sunday, Feb. 24, in Oakleigh Nursing Home, E. Grinstead, peacefully, after a long illness courageously borne, JACK. Funeral 3.45 p.m., Friday, March 1, at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth. No flowers, please, but donations to Multiple Sclerosis, East Grinstead Branch.

TONGE. — On Feb. 24, 1985, MURIEL TONGE, of Flixton, Manchester. Memorial service at Greenfields Church, Urmston, Monday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

TOSH.—On Feb. 26, at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, KENNETH ELMSLIE, aged 74 years, late of Calcutta, beloved husband of Stella, brother of Elaine and the late Brian. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday, March 1, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

TOURLE.—On Feb. 23, peacefully in hospital, LOUIS WILLIAM, of Buxted, aged 76, beloved husband of the late Bee and dear father of Ann. Funeral service at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, March 1, at Horsmonden Parish Church. Inquiries to Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield 3241.

TOWNSEND.—On Feb. 24, peacefully in the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, ROBERT LOUIS TOWNSEND, M.B., B.Ch., Lt.-Col., R.A.M.C. (Retd), dear husband of Helen, loving father of Sally and Michael and grandfather of Simon and Joanna. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Crondall, on Friday, March 1, at 12.30 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please.

TRACEY. — On Feb. 26, 1985, suddenly in hospital, ROBERT ANTHONY JOHN (Tony) TRACEY, F.F.A., 34, Cherry Hill, Rostrevor, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, much loved husband of Daphne and beloved father of Kerry and Fiona. Funeral service in Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, tomorrow (Thursday, Feb. 28), at 2.30 p.m., followed by interment in Kilbroney Cemetery. House private. Family flowers only. Deeply regretted.

TREISE.—On Monday, Feb. 25, 1985, at Royston Hospital, ELLEN HUNKING TREISE, in her 92nd year, of Melbourn Road, Royston, and late of Treillian, Sandon, widow of Nicholas James Treise, much loved mother of Madge and Ilah and a dear grandmother and great-grandmother. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of Royston Hospital or Imperial Cancer Research may sent to Cecil Newling, funeral directors, 3, Green Drift, Royston, Herts.

VALENTINE.—On Feb. 21, 1985, AMELIA, of Ferndown, Dorset, widow of the late ROBERT KEITH VALENTINE, dearest mother of Brian and Margaret. Service to be held at the Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday, March 1, at 12 noon. All flowers and further inquiries to A. E. Jolliffe & Son, funeral directors, Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset, tel. (0202) 872050.

VARIAN.—On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully at Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth, EDITH, wife of the late FRANK VARIAN, of Strangle Hall, Boston. Sadly missed by her sister and many friends. Private cremation, Bournemouth, March 4.

VENNING.—On Feb. 26, at the Cameron Nursing Home, Plymouth, KATHLEEN BARBARA, widow of George Lovay Venning, and beloved mother of Russell and the late David.

WARD.—On Feb. 23, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Heavitree, GERTRUDE MAY, of 9, Follet Road, Tiverton, Devon, beloved mother of Bernard and Ruth and dear sister of Gladys and Tom, auntie of John. Funeral service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Friday, March 1, at 2.15 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the League of Friends of the Tiverton Hospital, c/o the Manager, Lloyds Bank, Fore Street, Tiverton, Devon.

WARREN.—On Feb. 20, at home, The Quillets, Upton, Wirral, FLORENCE MARY, widow of Harold, beloved mother of Patricia and Paul. The funeral has taken place.

WARREN.—On Feb. 24, 1985, peacefully at her home in Shere, RACHEL aged 87 years. Service of thanksgiving on Friday, March 1, at 3 p.m. at St James's Church, Shere. Inquiries, please, to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, tel. Dorking 883066.

WATLING.—On Feb. 24, suddenly at his home, WILLIAM HENRY WATLING, C.B.E., late Deputy Controller, D.H.S.S., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, aged 81 years, of 24, Gorsedene Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, dearly loved husband of Kathleen and beloved father of Gillian and Jennifer. Cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. Donations if desired may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, 393, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

WATTS.—On Feb. 24, 1985, in hospital at Eastbourne, Sussex, PHYLLIS, formerly of Guddard & Smith, and on Feb. 21, 1985, his beloved wife MARJORY ALICE. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday, March 6, at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

WEAVER.—On Feb. 25, 1985, at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, NORMAN CHARLES, of New Farm, Corsham, Wiltshire, aged 71 years. Funeral service 1.45 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, at Lacock Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent to Friends of Lacock Church, c/o The Vicarage, Folly Lane, Lacock, Wilts.

WICKS.—On Feb. 25, passed peacefully away at The Normanhurst, Bexhill-on-Sea, PERCY STEWART, aged 89, deeply loved husband of Elizabeth Constance (Betty), beloved father of Brian. Much loved by Ann, Linda, Peter, Robert, Frank, Rosemary, Tony and their families. Cremation Eastbourne, Thursday, March 7, at 4 p.m. Flowers or donations to R.N.L.I., c/o Mummery, FID, 31, Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

WINFIELD.—On Feb. 24, 1985, peacefully in a nursing home, HILDA, aged 92 years, formerly of 10, Parkfield Court, Worthing. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, West Tarring, Friday, March 1, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to H. D. Tribe Ltd, Worthing 34516.

WING.—On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully at Shaftesbury Hospital, MARY NESTA, dearly beloved wife of Eric. Sadly missed by him and all the family. Funeral service takes place at St Mary's Church, Motcombe, on Saturday, March 2, at 12 noon. Flowers to Bracher Brothers, Gillingham, Dorset, tel. 2494.

WOOD.—On Feb. 25, 1985, EILEEN MARJORIE, aged 80 years, of Sandhurst Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester. Reception into Sacred Heart Church, Baguley, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Requiem Mass on Friday, at 9.30 a.m., interment at Wrightington. Flowers and inquiries to R. E. Jones Ltd., N.A.F.D., 17, Ashton Lane, Sale, Cheshire, tel. 061-973 1536.

WOOD. — On Feb. 9, peacefully, FREDERICK LAWRENCE BARKER, dear husband of Eleanor, father of Judy and Diana (Di) and loved grandfather. Funeral service at Temple Balsall, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. Funeral directors, Deeleys, 322, Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, Coventry. Tel. 0676 33156.

WORTLEY. — On Feb. 25, peacefully after a long illness, at the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, London, S.W.15, MARGARET, aged 79, widow of Lt-Col. CHARLES WORTLEY, mother of Anne, mother-in-law of Lawrence Daw, grandmother of Simon, Richard and William. Cremation private. Donations if desired to the R.H.H.I.

WYBROW.—On Feb. 23, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, DOROTHY SACHA, for many years Honorary Organiser of Southern Area of the Portsmouth Abbeyfield League of Friends. Funeral service 12.30 p.m., Friday, March 1, at Porchester Crematorium. Inquiries to Andrews, funeral directors, 81, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HARCOURT WILLIAMS. — JESSICA sends thanks and deepest gratitude to all who have so kindly written to console her on the sad and unexpected loss of her beloved husband TONY.

MECKIFF.—The family of MARY FLORENCE MECKIFF express sincere appreciation to all relatives and friends who attended the funeral service for her at Rustington. For the flowers sent and donations given to charity in her memory, thank you.

IN MEMORIAM

DANCE, MABEL ELEANOR.—Feb. 27, 1984. Remembered and missed every day.

FRANKS, YVONNE, died peacefully, Feb. 27, 1981.—Greatly missed by husband Sam, daughter Jaqueline and son David and Family.

KIDDLE, STANLEY. — Remembered with love.—Greta and Bill.

KROPACH, ANDREW. — Feb. 27, 1984. So dearly loved, so sadly missed —Father, Mother, Brother and Sister.

PINNINGTON, ALICE ELEANOR, died Feb. 27, 1983. Loved and living in the memory of Jacqueline, Walter, David and Mark.

SKINNER, MADELINE LAWSON (née Cook)—In loving remembrance of my Mother on this her 100th Birthday.—Rosemary.

WARD, STEPHEN. — Always remembered with fondest love. — Joyce.

WOOD. — Rt Rev. Bishop CLAUD T. T. WOOD, Feb. 27, on this his one hundredth Birthday. Lovingly remembered by his Wife and Family.

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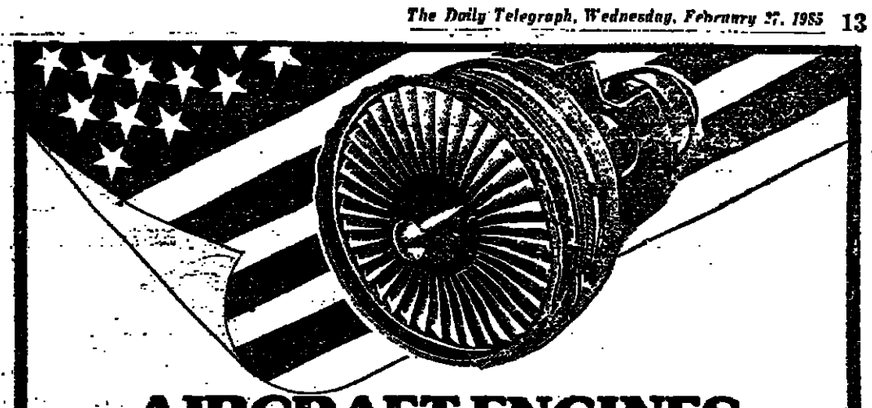

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MOTORING — JOHN LANGLEY

Auctions without the hit and miss

USED cars change hands at motor auctions at prices that would amaze the average motorist, conditioned to the higher markups he sees in his high street showrooms.

But the auction sale is undoubtedly something of a jungle for the private buyer, unaccustomed to the procedure and bewildered by the speed at which deals go through.

Above all, there is the awareness that he is competing with the professionals plus the fear of a big repair bill if he makes the wrong choice. Increasingly, however, some auctions are trying to encourage the private buyer, and a new insurance scheme has been launched this month that should offset some of the risks of buying a dud.

Six-month cover on major items

At auctions operating the scheme, every car is checked by a professional engineer. A copy of his report is attached to the windscreen.

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The new Motorminder Warranty has been devised by Mr Bernie McGeever, who for the past seven years has been operating another mechanical failure repairs warranty, underwritten at Lloyds, for the motor trade. His new auction scheme is backed by Westgate, one of the bigger companies in this field, and a member of the British Insurance Association.

Mr McGeever is well aware that the extended warranty business has acquired a bad reputation over the past couple of years, as some competitors have gone out of business leaving motorists with worthless "cover." He says this was often because the insurance cover was inadequate or because the companies relied too heavily on exclusions in the small print: "Most of them have relied on a disclaimer that if the fault must have been apparent when the car was bought, the buyer was not covered.

"With our scheme, because we have our own engineers inspect the car, if they make a mistake it is down to us and we'll pay up. Over the past seven years, our insurance contracts have been submitted to the insurance department of the Department of Trade and the Office of Fair Trading and the terms and conditions are totally acceptable by the various departments.

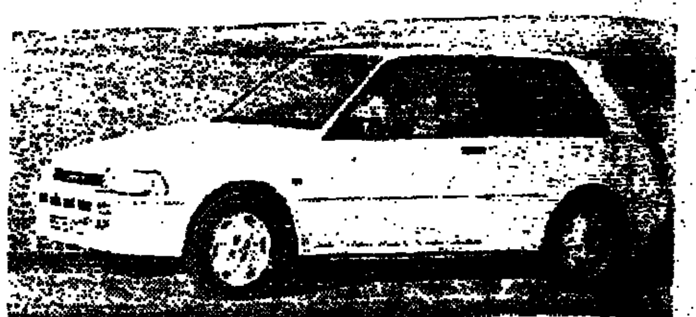
"Everybody likes it—even the trade. They can buy with the warranty, as well as the public, and it also saves them having to buy another warranty to go with the car when they sell it to a customer."

Two drawbacks to insurance scheme

There are however two snags. The warranty does *not* cover the bodywork. "The premiums would have to be exorbitant, and most motorists can get some idea of the condition of the body by looking at it carefully themselves," said Mr McGeever. "Also our engineers are permanently on site and the public can go and talk to them about the condition of the vehicle if they wish."

Secondly, the scheme has been introduced only at three auctions so far, at Swindon, Chester and Bridgend, South Wales. A further six are due to come in during the next month and by mid-year it could be as many as 50. Mr McGeever is also negotiating with one of the Big Three auction groups to introduce the scheme nationally.

By then, perhaps, the auction ring will no longer be the preserve of the trade. But "bargains" may also be harder to come by. Prices have jumped quite considerably, and attendances about doubled, at sites where the new warranty scheme has been introduced. So the auctioneers are happy, too.



Toyota Corolla GT: "hot hatch"

Up-market models

PERFORMANCE is the keynote of a couple of up-market new versions of the Austin Montego and a 16-valve, 122 mph "hot hatchback" from Toyota announced today.

MG-style performance comes to the latest Vanden Plas versions of the Montego, in both saloon and estate models. They are richly equipped, with Connolly leather upholstery in the saloon, and powered by the 115 brake horsepower, fuel injected version of the 2-litre "O" series engine, as used in the latest MG saloon and hatchback.

Top speeds of 113 mph, with 0-60 mph acceleration in under 10 secs are claimed. Prices have also gone upmarket, at £9,577 for the Vanden Plas EFI saloon and £10,220 for the VP Estate. At this price, the estate is nudging Volvo and Mercedes-Benz prices.

The Volvo 244 GLE estate costs £10,577, and the Mercedes 200T estate, £11,550.

However, the attractive VP estate is particularly well equipped, with electric windows all round, electrically operated and heated door mirrors, alloy wheels, built-in *aerodynamic roof rack*, self-levelling rear suspension, power-assisted steering and the extra, rearward-facing occasional seat for children in the back. It goes on sale *in April*.

The saloon version, available immediately, also has a slide/tilt steel sunroof, special rugs, delayed action courtesy lights and extra reading lamps for the rear seat. But the electronic instrumentation, and the dreaded voice synthesiser, have been quietly dropped — it is only available now on the MG version.

I haven't yet tried the latest Vanden Plas Montego but I have been impressed by the powerful performance of the MG Maestro, which now uses the same two-litre fuel-injection engine. It always started promptly, even in the coldest weather, but after a warm start it suffered from uneven idling, *ranging from* 1,500 rpm *to* 2,000 rpm — a quirk which could only be cured by switching off and re-*starting*.

The Honda five-speed gearbox used with this engine works more smoothly than the Volkswagen five-speed on the 1·6 litre models.

In view of the lively performance, fuel economy seemed remarkably good, averaging just over 32 mpg.

Toyota's new "hot hatch" is a shortened, three-door version of the front-wheel-drive Corolla, powered by the 120 bhp, 16 valve 1·6 litre engine already used in the rear-drive Corolla Coupe GT. So you can now have this powerful little engine in either front drive or rear drive form, with an additional mid-engine variation due shortly in the MR2 sports coupé!

It might sound confusing, but Toyota GB believes they will appeal to different types of motorist. The latest (front-wheel-drive) Corolla GT is a very lusty performer, with a claimed top speed of 122 mph, and 0-60 mph in just over eight seconds. It has so much power that it is easy to get the front wheels bouncing under full throttle take-offs, but once under way it is an exhilarating performer. It costs £7,296 and will compete with cars like the Golf GTi, Peugeot 205 GTI and the Ford Escort XR3i.

If it sounds too exciting, Toyota is also launching a lower-powered version in the same 13ft three-door body, some 6½in shorter than the existing top selling Corolla body.

It uses a bigger, 1·3 litre version of the new 12-valve overhead cam, one-litre engine fitted to the latest front wheel drive Starlet small car, announced last week.

In this form, the engine delivers 74 bhp, still very smoothly and willingly. Even after driving the explosive GT, the 1·3 felt quite lively, and impressed me as a competent all-rounder, with light, easy handling and the usual superb five-speed gearbox with overdrive 4th and 5th. A three-speed automatic will be offered later. The Corolla 1·3GL three-door is priced at £5,249.

The Starlet-type engine is also being used now in the other front-wheel-drive Corollas, which are to be slightly restyled later this year in line with the appearance of the latest three-door model.

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THE ARTS

THEATRE / Mill on the Floss

The author's tone of voice

IT IS a breathtaking evening at the Fortune Theatre, in the sense that we come to share the actress's evident inhalation of the novel and exhalation of it—all in two hours for us.

It can hardly be described as breathtaking entertainment since "The Mill on the Floss" has, until its tragic end, all the characteristics of its kind least suited, you may think, to theatrical adaptation. So the achievement of Margaret Wolfit in translating George Eliot's supposedly autobiographical novel to the stage (or to the needs of a solitary performer) is the more remarkable.

For it introduces everyone who seems to matter, manages to keep them nattering to us as spectators and, also, shrewdly, retains the author's tone of voice and sense of humour whenever it can.

If we do not succumb to the performance as to the novel, it is partly because the actress must keep on changing roles (she can juggle with characters so as to keep four people in our minds at once) and also function as narrator.

Of necessity we are vouchsafed no more than a tactful skimming, an ingenious compression, of this picture of 19th-century provincial life among the lower middle classes for a brother and sister like Tom and Maggie. We need not worry if Miss Wolfit brings Maggie to more sympathetic life than Tom. In the circumstances, he suffers from the cramped demands of the stage, compared to the novelist's space.

It isn't a story ultimately that seems to profit very much from such compact treatment but, if it sends the playgoer back to the book, Miss Wolfit's labour of love will not have been in vain.

It is no labour to watch it, except when her memory momentarily fails her and the frail thread of the narrative snaps. This is amazingly rare in a generally admirable attempt to squeeze a tragic, touching funny and ever delicately-told tale of Victorian length on to the stage with only lighting (by David Whitehead) for cues and our rapt attention for encouragement. The director is Richard Digby Day.

Eric Shorter

Peer Gynt on a shoestring

THOUGH it is no new fashion to produce complex plays with only five actors, four chairs and no scenery, it is not a good way for Ibsen's "Peer Gynt." One's mind reverts instinctively to more opulent memories of Ralph Richardson, with Olivier as the Button Moulder, in Old Vic days.

However, the Actors Touring Company at the Place, Bloomsbury, gave us with limited resources a lusty though sketchy and jagged idea of the picaresque study in problems of selfhood, without wasting much time on poetry or psychological subtleties. Some scenes were considerably attenuated and initially there was that kind of continual stage scampering that passes for youthful energy. As for the four chairs, they provided a dizzy ballet of their own.

The fantasy adapted here from Michael Meyer's translation, roves from Norwegian village through the wide world as the self-centred young exile, after bad behaviour with maidens and grim encounters with trolls, prospers through questionable and often comic occupations.

Ibsen's intention is to show the building of a trashy character (slave-dealer, merchant of idols, charlatan prophet, etc) based on the Troll King's selfish maxim "Be thyself, Jack."

It was peculiar to put the trolls into evening dress and disappointing that Anitra's episode was so reduced. The Sphinx was invisible and the Cairo lunatics were reduced to two. The Stranger at sea and the wreck were left out.

Chris Barnes as the hero was too jumpy and juvenile early on but as the moustached adventurer, of Frank Harris appearance, took on a spirited comic jauntiness and at the plays' end displayed some measured depth. Kim Hicks was versatile in pairing the patient Solveig with the nasty green troll Princess.

Janine Wunsche, who dropped her voice too often, switched about nimbly from Peer's old mother (her death the most deeply memorable scene) to the sinuous Arabian Anitra, with interludes as the girl Peer seduced and a mad Egyptian fellah. Richard Nickols made of the Button Moulder (the agent of judgment) a persistent Scotsman.

To put the elderly returning Peer into a modern wheelchair seemed to be pressing too hard into Samuel Beckett's geriatric domain. Paucity of stage resources badly hit a play that is never too comprehensible. But the force of Ibsen triumphed in bringing home the universal issues of his light satire on hedonism.

Harold Atkins

"The Tiled Table," by John Lessore.

ART / Bold, decisive brushwork

IT IS ENCOURAGING that John Lessore, an artist who had his first one-man show 20 years ago, should today be painting better than ever before, as is proved by his exhibition at Stoppenbach & Delestre, 25 Cork Street, Mayfair, until March 16.

That first exhibition was at the long defunct Beaux-Arts Gallery. There are in this latest show plenty of echoes of those days.

Above all there are a series of studies of Helen Lessore, his mother who founded the Beaux-Arts Gallery and made it one of the liveliest places in London for painting that mattered. There are reminders in the present exhibition of why this was the case.

In his "The Tiled Table," of 1984-85, John Lessore paints Helen Lessore in an interior. We have a sense of the space within the room, of the presence of an individual and of the world outside. Most telling of all we have in this and other paintings an intimation of the nature, indeed of the character of one person.

The old Beaux-Arts Gallery was associated with a particular sort of painting. There one could always see a kind of tough, painterly realism. It established one trend, and it was a thoroughly worthwhile one, in contemporary British Art. It is hard to think of another gallery in the 1960s that had as much character.

Today John Lessore still employs brushwork that is bold, indeed decisive. His use of colour has though over the years become richer and more varied. Now he has a notable ability to integrate figures with their setting.

There is too a mordant sense of the nature of the events he paints. It is that that makes his "The Articulation of the Knee" both a telling exercise in depicting figures absorbed in action and a commentary on certain types of individual. There is always a need for this kind of painting.

Ference Mullaly

TV / The medium examined

Stating the obvious

TELEVISION on television ought, you might think, to be a snip. All that accumulated expertise, that vast warehouse of pictures on film and tape, ready to be joined to revelations from behind the screen—could any producer of experience and stature go wrong?

Unfortunately, as Norman Swallow's so far deeply disappointing Television (ITV) has shown, all too easily. Partly the fault lies in Mr Swallow's headlong, fragmented style, hurling us between locales and clips and quotes as if he had to get through his subject in 15 minutes, instead of 13 episodes. Partly, the trouble arises from the simple fact that we've seen so much of it before.

A series lasting 13 hours and dealing with a subject which is part of the experience of everyone likely to be watching has to offer new insights, or perish. Merely producing a kind of card index to past events simply won't do. Too often this is what I felt I was watching in last night's third programme, which was about live TV — pictures of events outside the studio brought to viewers as they happened: every kind of OB (outside broadcast) from the Coronation and the Olympics to darts.

Mr Swallow thinks that "live pictures" are crucial to the medium of television. So they are, but not as crucial as all that. The vast majority of the images people around the world see on their screens — including the majority of sporting images — come in recorded form. The live bits of the Olympics, the House of Lords, the Brighton bombing, are all extra on top of what, in the 1980s, is overwhelmingly pre-packaged medium.

Whirling us between New York and London and Los Angeles and Moscow almost before we had time to adjust our sets, Swallow's enthusiasm erupted in a lather of statistics: a mere 80,000 watched the 1948 Olympics, one-fifth of the Earth's population saw the first moon landing, twice the Earth's population will at some point watch the next World Cup.

Towards the end, the programme made some solid points about the way television has changed the nature of the events it covers: the Olympics are now little better than an auction for TV rights, and other sports would hardly exist at all but for the camera's patronage. But mostly this was a succession of resounding statements of the obvious, the well-known, and the trite. BBC Television has been over individual bits of the ground far more successfully. And why so much input from American commentators? Television is still one of the few things we do better than other people. I'm happy to say that a nibble at next week's programme, on TV news, suggests that better-considered things are in store.

While "Blott," of which more tomorrow, continues to bind me, albeit bemusedly, to the screen, Inside Out (BBC 2) makes me want to get up and kick it.

The characters are wet, the situations unbelievable, the whole enterprise seems to have been conceived by not very chued-up teenagers for a similar audience. You could argue that both series are really extended sit-coms without the laughter tracks; in the case of "Inside Out" without any wit or the semblance of any comic style either.

Last night one of the ex-cons for whom Carla and Beverly are trying to find jobs turned out to be a bent copper. No, the other kind of bent: he ended up in bed with one of the real cons. "If you could be anywhere you wanted to be in the world, where would you choose?" someone asked—a bit later on. Not, I fear, in front of Simon Moore's series. The only plus is Lou Wakefield, a tense, taut blonde whose wary sexuality could blossom in a decent dramatic role.

Richard Last

Romeo and Juliet

By Our Arts Staff

A new one-act ballet, "Romeo and Juliet," choreographed by André Prokovsky to music by Berlioz, will be given its first performance by London City Ballet at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, on March 11.

MUSIC / Philharmonia

THE nerve-ends may not have tingled in Monday night's Barbican performance of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, but it was impossible not to admire the Philharmonia Orchestra for working so strenuously at it. That they have given in their time more penetrating performances, more varied in instrumental colour and more wide-ranging in emotional implications, is a fact beyond question, for here the conductor Kyung-Soo Won seemed to view the symphony very much in terms of black and white.

As a result his interpretation emerged with a certain anonymity, vigorously articulate in the outer movements but in the central Andante con moto and Allegro leaving much unsaid, too much musical character unexplored. One looked more or less in vain for much inner life, much momentum or much expressive individuality in the variations of the second movement; in the third the pianissimo preparation for the glorious opening out of the finale, lacked that exciting sense of expectation which is inherent in the music.

This was not, then, a performance which drew with any comprehensiveness on the music's natural resources to create its towering symphonic structure; rather was it a series of boldly demonstrative peaks with passages in between that seemed to have to fend largely for themselves.

Similarly, Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto found in the Colombian-born pianist Blanca Uribe a performer with an admirable fluency of technique, a silkiness of tone and an alluring elegance, but one in whom the essential grandeur and toughness of the piece proved somewhat elusive.

Geoffrey Norris

DANCE / Ballet Imperial revived

BALANCHINE'S "Ballet Imperial," last performed by the Royal Ballet in 1974, was revived on Monday night at Covent Garden with new decor and costumes by the young painter, Christopher Le Brun.

This was his first work for the stage and he showed a depressing lack of stage sense in adapting his painting style to the task of providing a setting for an abstract ballet. In the centre of the backcloth there was a rather drab triumphal arch, decorated with a double eagle and a collection of flags. The flag idea was also used, rather awkwardly, at the sides of the stage and there were some scrappy coloured cloth borders hanging over the stage.

In fact, the general effect was far from triumphant and John B. Read showed good sense in keeping the lighting off the scenery as far as possible, concentrating it on the dancers. The costumes were very conventional but they were well cut and had the merit of allowing the dancing to be seen clearly.

The choice of the leading dancer is crucial in "Ballet Imperial." Bryony Brind, clearly under great strain, failed to rise to the challenge of the fast opening and closing movements of the Tchaikovsky second piano concerto, with choreography reminiscent of Petipa. She showed strain, particularly in her mannered hands and in her fixed smile. Fortunately, she seemed much more at home in the slow movements, dancing in a far more relaxed and convincing way.

Julian Hosking partnered her attentively but showed little stage presence. As for the group dancers, they looked ragged in some of their evolutions but did well at the beginning of the third movement, where Balanchine's choreography captures neatly the spirit of the music.

In Kenneth MacMillan's ballet "Different Drummer," two outstanding artists — Stephen Jefferies (as Woysack) and Alessandra Ferri (as Maria)—managed, against great odds, to make the choreography come to life from time to time, above all in their *pas de deux*.

Fernau Hall

JAZZ / Golson's mellower tone

IT IS a long time since Benny Golson, that quicksilver tenor saxophonist, played alongside such luminaries of the Jazz Messengers as Lee Morgan and Bobby Timmons—getting on for a quarter of a century, in fact. So perhaps it's not surprising that Golson's tone has changed from an angry, albeit controlled rasp, to an altogether more mellow buzz.

But it is beyond denial that Golson is a startlingly talented musician—wise in the ways of the composer, leader and player. In his current visit to Ronnie Scott's Club the old magic still shines through. Though what we hear now is a more controlled outpouring with, as occasion demands, the fire and the splendour held in reserve.

The days with Blakey and with the Jazztet, co-led with Art Farmer, are written into jazz history now. But Golson has never lost that totally professional approach to his music.

His new men this time round are a polished and complementary crew. I particularly liked Mickey Tucker's spare piano on "Blue Heart" with the pianist and Golson playing the dual roles of senior men in the quartet. But not to deny the considerable contribution made by the quartet's bass player, Phil Bowler (a real find) and Keith Copeland, a drummer who puts frenetic energy if not overmuch skill into his solos.

As a bow in the direction of his Messengers days, Golson lauches into his splendid "Are You Real," a worthy reminder of the composing ability of a man who has given jazz some of its most memorable and cogently written themes.

Anthony Hopkins

FILMS / First for Hare in Berlin

ONE OF THE TWO British entries, "Wetherby," directed and written by David Hare, shared equally the first prize of a Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival with an East German entry.

This was "The Woman and the Stranger" directed by Rainer Simon. It told of an escaped P o W in the 1939 war who successfully pretends to be the husband, long reported dead, of a woman about whose life he has learned minutely.

Curiously I saw another version of this well-known short story, "Karl and Anna," at the last Moscow Festival, which I remember as more moving when, of course, the real husband turns up in the end. About "Wetherby," I wrote fully in my first Festival report on Thursday.

The Silver Bear, or special jury prize for the runner up, was awarded to the Hungarian "Flowers of Reverie" from Laszlo Lugossy.

This dealt with the predicament after Kossuth's rising of 1848 of an officer in the Imperial Army who backs the wrong side and is reduced to the ranks. Backing again another abortive scheme of Kossuth's, he commits suicide. A very grim film indeed, I thought, when I saw it recently in Budapest.

The Silver Bear for the best director was given to the American Robert Benton for his film "Places in the Heart" which opened in London last week.

The best actress award went to Jo Kennedy for her performance as a former drug addict who becomes attached to a young doctor in a similar situation in the Australian "Wrong World" directed by Ian Pringle.

The best actor was Fernando Fernen Gomez in the Spanish film "Stico." He portrayed an authority on Roman law, down on his luck, who has the idea of contracting himself, Roman fashion, as a slave to some well off friends—in return for services they had not quite bargained for. A rare comedy, this, in a leaden programme, and much appreciated.

Patrick Gibbs

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions yesterday.

LSO post

By Our Arts Staff

Clive Gillison, 38, a cellist with the London Symphony Orchestra since 1970, has been appointed managing director of the orchestra. He has served on the self-governing orchestra's board of directors for four years, and will continue to do so.

ART GALLERIES

AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Old Bond St., W.1. 01-629 6176. PETER BROOK—Yorkshire Landscapes, until 8 March. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30. Thurs. until 6.30.

BRITISH LIBRARY/BRITISH MUSEUM, Great Russell St., W.C.1. ANGLO-SAXON ART, 996-1066. Weekdays 10-5, Sundays 2.30-6. Admission £2. Recorded info. 01-380 1188.

DAVID PAUL GALLERY, St James St., Chichester 0243 785611. ADRIAN ALLINSON 1890-1959 until 9th March. Mon.-Sat. Thurs. & Sun.

IPL FINE ARTS, 24 Davies St. London, W.1. 01-493 2630. EDOUARD VUILLARD Paintings, pastels, drawings. Open until April. Illus. catalogue available.

ROYAL ACADEMY, Piccadilly, 01-734 0953. Open 10-6 daily inc. Sun. CHAGALL, until March 31, adm. £2·50; £1·0 concessionary rate and until 1.45 p.m. on Sundays. ELISABETH FRINK, until March 24. Adm. £1·50; £1 concessionary rate. PETER GREENHAM, until April 8, adm. £1·50; £1 concessionary rate.

MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, W.1. INUIT—ESKIMO People of the North American Arctic. Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Suns 2.30-6. Adm. free.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank, SW1. ST IVES 1939-64: 25 years of painting, sculpture and pottery. Until 14 April. Adm. £1·50. WILLIAM JAMES MULLER, watercolours. Until 17 March. JOHN WALKER, prints 1958-84. Until 24 March. Adm. free. Recorded info: 01-821 7128.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, S. Kensington. JOHN FRENCH, FASHION PHOTOGRAPHER, until March 17, adm. £1. Library clos. d until March 3. Adm. weekdays 10-5.30, Sun. 2.30-5.30. Closed Fridays. Recorded info. 01-581 4804.

EXHIBITIONS

BURY STREET GALLERY, William Drummond's Exhibition of early British Watercolours, 11 Bury St, SW1.

This is the girl that watched the TV that drowned the sound that came from the tap that filled the bath that overflowed onto the landing down the stairs soaking the sitting room drenching the dining room and flooding the floors of the home that Jack had insured with Sun Alliance.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Feb. 26.

The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M P (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, visited Wellington Barracks this morning.

Major the Hon. Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society of Arts, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace chaired a meeting of the Society's Committee for the Environment.

Afterwards, His Royal Highness, Trustee of the Royal Academy Trust, held a meeting of the Trustees and American Associates of the Trust.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, this evening attended the City and Guilds College Centenary Banquet at Guildhall, where His Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Alan Traill).

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by Major-General Sir Peter Gillett (Extra Gentleman Usher) at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks (formerly Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod) which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE Feb. 26.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the Honourable The Irish Society with her presence at Luncheon at the Irish Chamber, Guildhall Yard.

The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt. were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE Feb. 26.

The Prince of Wales today addressed the Institute of Director's Annual Convention at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Hon. Edward Adeane was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales this evening attended a Concert given by the Philharmonia Orchestra, in aid of the Icelandic Concert Hall Appeal, at the Royal Festival Hall.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Major Jack Stenhouse were in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, this morning visited the new Offices of the Fund at 14 Abingdon Road, W 8.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, R N were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE. Feb. 26.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon opened the 21st National Farmers' Union "British Growers Look Ahead" National Conference and Exhibition at the National Conference and Exhibition Centre, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the "Save Gibraltar's Heritage" Conference at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London, S.W.3.

Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at the premiere performance of "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and The Order of St John at the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.1.

Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Howard Page were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE Feb. 26.

Princess Alexandra was present this evening at a Recital given by John Ogdon, in aid of Dr Graham's Homes (Kalimpong, India), at St John's, Smith Square, London SW1.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Cormorant, will visit the Joint Service Defence College, Greenwich, on April 30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a concert on March 21 in Westminster Abbey given by the English Bach Festival Trust to mark the tercentenary of the birth of J. S. Bach.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the Football Association's celebration dinner for Sir Stanley Rous at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, on April 25.

The Hon. Mrs Horton gave birth to a son in London on Feb. 25.

Group Captain D. J. Read has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Queen in succession to Group Captain R. J. Bennett.

A memorial service for Lord St Oswald will be held today at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon.

A memorial meeting for Baroness Stewart of Alvechurch will be held today in the Council Chamber, Fulham Town Hall, S.W.6, at 3 p.m.

A memorial service for Sir William Lyons will be held today in Coventry Cathedral at 3 p.m.

A memorial meeting for Prof. A. R. Prest will be held today in the Founders' Room, London School of Economics and Political Science, at 5 p.m.

A memorial service for Mr Robin P. McDonall will be held today at St Mary's, Paddington Green, at 11.30 a.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Mr Gene Sarazen is 83 today; Viscount Cowdray is 75; Mr Lawrence Durrell 73; Mr Hugh Leggatt 60; Lord Belhaven and Stenton 58; Lord Young of Graffham 53; Miss Elizabeth Taylor 53; the Marquess of Bute 52; Mr Alberto Remedios 50; Viscount Head 48; Miss Antoinette Sibley 46; and Mr Graeme Pollock 41.

Luncheon

Metal Market and Exchange Co. Ltd.

The Chairman, Mr Jacques K-Lion, and Board members of the Metal Market and Exchange Co. Ltd., entertained at luncheon at the City of London Club yesterday, the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, accompanied by Mr David Walker, Executive Director of the Bank of England. Representatives from industry were also present.

DINNERS

City and Guilds College, Imperial College

The Duke of Edinburgh was present at a banquet given last night by City and Guilds College, Imperial College, at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Sir Alan and Lady Traill, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were also present. Prof. B. McA. Sayers, Dean of City and Guilds College, and Mrs Sayers were the hosts. Lady Flowers also attended. Others present were:

The Earl of Selborne, Mercers' Company, the Master of the Grocers' Company, Mr P. D. G. Hippisley-Cox, Drapers' Company, Mr J. V. G. Mallet, Fishmongers' Company, the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, the deputy Master of the Skinners' Company, the Masters of the Merchant Taylors', the Haberdashers' and the Salters' Companies, Mr J. B. Harris, Ironmongers' Company, the Masters of the Vintners' and the Clothworkers' Companies, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, the Vice-Chancellor, University of London, Sir Robert and Lady Clayton, Sir Hugh and Lady Ford, Sir Peter Gadsden, Sir Andrew and Lady Huxley, Sir Brian Kellett, Sir James Menter, Sir Owen and Lady Saunders, Sir Richard and Lady Way, the Principal, University of London, Mr and Mrs F. A. Sharman, the Chairman, City and Guilds of London Institute, and Mr H. M. Neal, with the Director-General of the Institute, the Pro-Rector, Imperial College, the Pro-Rector, External Development, and Mrs Phelps, the Secretary, Imperial College, and Mrs Smith, the Dean, Royal College of Science, the Dean, Royal School of Mines, and Miss M. Anderson.

United and Cecil Club

The United and Cecil Club dined in the House of Commons last evening. The guest of honour and speaker was Lord Sieff of Brimpton. The Chairman of the Club, Sir Humphrey Atkins, M.P., presided and Mr Roger Moss also spoke.

Chartered Surveyors' Company

The Chartered Surveyors' Company held its ladies winter banquet at Vintners' Hall last night. The Master, Mr D. R. Male, and Mrs Male received the guests with the Senior Warden, Mr R. W. P. Luff, and the Junior Warden, Mr M. E. Taylor, and their ladies. The Master presided and the other speakers were Sir John Tooley, General Director, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Mr M. G. Clark and Mr M. B. Connell, Q.C.

Apothecaries' Society

The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Prof. N. Ashton, supported by the Senior Warden, Prof. J. A. Dudgeon, and the Junior Warden, Mr W. F. Southwood, entertained the following at a livery dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall:

Sir Bernard Braine, M.P., Sir Lindsay Ring, Mr F. Cumberlege, Mr J. Churchill, Dr P. Strangeways, Mr L. J. Chalstrey, Mr D. G. Inglefield, Mr D. G. Eadie, Mr D. MacLean, Prof. T. Glenister, Dr J. A. Gleeson, Dr D. T. Hughes, Dr R. Summers, Dr H. M. Sinclair, Dr E. D. Acheson, Dr T. D. Whittet, Dr M. Barrett, Mr B. Rix and Mr A. Hammond.

Reception

Baroness Phillips

Baroness Phillips, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, entertained members of the British Retail Florists' Association at a reception and dinner at the House of Lords yesterday evening.

LECTURE

Institution of the Royal Corps of Transport

The 1985 Winter Lecture was given by Mr K. W. Groves to members of the Institution of the Royal Corps of Transport at Buller Barracks, Aldershot, yesterday evening. Mr Groves was afterwards the guest of the Director-General of Transport and Movements and of the Institution in the H Q Mess.

MEETING

English-Speaking Union

Dr B. Persand, Director of the Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, spoke on the Lomé Convention at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union Current Affairs Forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mr David Griffiths, E S U Director for Current Affairs, was in the chair.

MRS ROSAMIRA BULLEY

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Rosamira Bulley will be held in the Chapel of St Edmund's School, Hindhead, on Sunday, March 10, at 3 p.m.

ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL

The Governors of St Margaret's School, Bushey, Herts, have appointed Mrs S. K. Law to be Headmistress from September 1985. Mrs Law is currently Deputy Head of the Rickmansworth Masonic School.

BATTLE RELICS SENT HOME

Kenya's National Museum yesterday returned to Ethiopia a sword and shield used by a 19th century Abyssinian emperor in a battle against the British.

The relics belonged to Emperor Theodore, whose army was routed at the battle of Magdala in 1868. They found their way to Kenya and were given to the National Museum by a family of white settlers.—Reuter.

STATION TO REOPEN

The railway station at Melksham, Wiltshire, closed by Beeching in 1966, is to re-open in May following a campaign by local councillors, it was announced yesterday.

Two Minton blackamoors fetch £48,000

By ALISON BECKETT
Art Sales Correspondent

A PAIR of Minton "Majolica" blackamoors were the stars of Sotheby's highly successful English ceramics auction in London yesterday in which they went to an American bid of £48,000.

The decorative figures, each nearly six feet tall with their stands, were made in 1870. Only one similar pair is known and they were sold at Sotheby's Belgravia in 1974 for £5,600.

The auction yesterday reflected the strength of the dollar with much American buying, especially of Wedgwood, and English dealers desperate to restock. It totalled £275,742 with little unsold.

Other highlights included a 1750-60 Whieldon rabbit less than five inches long at £5,600.

ELABORATE DRESS

Textile auction

An elaborate mid 18th century dress worn in Peru by the Spanish ancestress of another vendor and a pair of 1640 embroidered mules were the most sought after items in Christie's textile auction at South Kensington where they each realised £5,500.

The auction was one of its best, totalling £89,353 and among other highlights a man's brown tweed cape of about 1865 believed to have belonged to Queen Victoria's Scottish manservant, John Brown, went to Glasgow Museum for £500.

BISHOP'S STATEMENT

The Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt Rev. William Westwood, asks us to make clear that he did not, in his statement about marriage of divorcees in church, say that it could cause local scandal or that some divorcees just wanted the glamour of a church wedding.

These comments by our Churches Correspondent became inadvertently incorporated in his remarks.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr C. J. Leyland and Miss G. C. Chichester

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr J. C. M. Leyland and of Mrs B. J. C. Smalley, of West Fyloe, Berwick upon Tweed, and Georgina Caroline, daughter of Sir John and the Hon. Lady Chichester, of Battramsley Lodge, Lymington, Hampshire.

Dr S. Paterson-Brown and Dr S. P. Finnerty

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Peter Paterson-Brown, of Norwood, Howick, Roxburghshire, and Sheila, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Finnerty, of Heathermount Cottage, Cox Hill, Cobham, Surrey.

Dr A. J. Eynon-Lewis and Miss K. J. Spargo

The engagement is announced between Andrew John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Eynon-Lewis, of Bristol, and Kate Julia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs J. B. Spargo, of Worthing.

Mr D. C. Eagar and Mrs P. J. Lockhart

The engagement is announced between David Eagar, B. Vet. Med M.R.C.V.S., eldest son of Mr and Mrs Clifford Eagar, of Radlett, Herts, and Pauline Lockhart (née Lansdell), A.C.M.A., only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Lansdell, of Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

Mr J. M. G. Markham and Miss D. M. Clarke

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs B. G. Markham, of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, and Deborah, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs M. J. A. Clarke, of Childerton, Wiltshire.

Mr R. N. Jones and Miss S. R. J. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs M. S. Jones, of Overthorpe, Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Jane, second daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J. S. Cooper, of Rodley, Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. J. H. Griffith and Miss S. E. Yeatman

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Griffith, of Newport, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Col and Mrs P. F. Yeatman, of Widdington, Essex.

Mr R. W. B. Hughes and Miss E. R. Wetherall

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Hughes, of Bamenda, Cameroon, and Primrose Cottage, Upwey, Dorset, and Emma, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Wetherall, of Whispering Streams, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr J. P. Hopkins and Miss C. E. Nugent

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs B. J. Hopkins, of Tower Road, Hindhead, Surrey, and Clare, eldest daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs N. A. D. Nugent, of Linkside South, Hindhead.

Mr A. S. McDavid and Miss N. S. Coates

The engagement is announced between Alistair, elder son of Mr J. S. F. McDavid, of Barcelona, and the late Mrs N. Prior, and Nicola, only daughter of the late Mr Patrick Coates and of Mrs Norman Lazarus, of Rondel, Rottingdean, Sussex.

Mr D. I. A. Mackinnon and Miss M.-P. S. Kinsky

The engagement is announced between Donald, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. C. A. Mackinnon, of Longworthy House, East Woodhay, Newbury, Berkshire, and Marie-Pauline, daughter of Count and Countess Alfons Kinsky, of La Norjeanne, Pathiers, 1936 Verbier, Switzerland.

Mr R. M. J. Coupland and Miss S. H. Wayne

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Dr and Mrs G. M. Coupland, of Puttenham, Surrey, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Wayne, of Hartest, Suffolk.

Mr J. D. Searle and Miss P. A. Sansom

The engagement is announced between John Dunsford Searle, of Belton, South Humberside, and Patricia Ann Sansom, of Covenham, Lincolnshire.

Mr M. J. K. Ruck and Miss C. Else

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. J. B. Ruck, of Much Hadham, Herts, and Chris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Else, of Retford, Notts.

Mr D. A. Jacoby and Miss V. L. Gibbs

The engagement is announced between Douglas Anderson, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Jacoby, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Victoria Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gibbs, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr D. A. Jackson and Mrs M. M. Ilieve

The engagement is announced between Derek, only son of the late C. L. Jackson and of Mrs Alice Jackson, of Gillingham, Kent, and Maureen, only daughter of the late A. Edelstein and Mrs Anne Edelstein, of London.

Mr M. P. Gunn and Miss F. M. Morrison

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Gunn, of Exmouth, Devon, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Morrison, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr M. B. Simpson and Miss M. D. MacEvoy

The engagement is announced between Mark Bellas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K. B. Simpson, of Reigate, Surrey, and Moira Dawn MacEvoy, of Upton-St-Leonards, Glos.

In Memoriam

Lt-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks

The Queen was represented by Maj.-Gen. Sir Peter Gillett at the memorial service for Lt-Gen. Sir Brian Horrocks held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Michael Heseltine, M P, Secretary of State for Defence.

The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev. Edward Carpenter, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Alan Luff, Precentor and Sacrist of Westminster Abbey. Canon Trevor Beeson, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, said a prayer.

The first lesson was read by Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff, and the second by Sir Denis Hamilton. The address was given by the Rt Rev. V. J. Pike and Sir Huw Wheldon read an extract from "God Knows" by Minnie Louise Haskins. The Rev. Oscar Muspratt and the Rev. Michael Thompson, Chaplain of Westminster Abbey, were robed and in the sacrarium.

Sir Brian's Orders and decorations were borne to the sacrarium by Brig. B. H. Marciandi and Col I. R. Burrows, both of the Middlesex Regiment (D C O).

Among others in the large congregation were:

Lady Horrocks (widow), Mr J. S. Herbert (son-in-law), Mr M. Herbert, Mr and Mrs J. L. Fergier (grandchildren).

The Belgian Ambassador, Military Attaché in London; Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Colonel of The Life Guards, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord and Lady Chesham, Lord Inglewood, also representing Bow School, Durham, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, representing the Uppingham Association, Lord Ferrier, Lord Dunham, Lord Hastings, Lord Holderness, Lord Trenchard, Lord Campbell of Croy, Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton, representing the Light Infantry, Field Marshal Lord Carver, the Hon. Robert Boscawen, M.P., and Mrs Boscawen, Major the Hon. Andrew Wigram, representing the Grenadier Guards, Sir Patrick and Lady Nairne, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, Maj.-Gen. Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Lady Douglas-Pennant, Sir James Henry, Q.C., Lady Wheldon, Lady Hamilton, Lady Bramall.

Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, Gen. Sir John Stanier, Chief of the General Staff, representing the Army Board, Gen. Sir Richard Trant, Gen. Sir Robert Ford, representing the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards, Gen. Sir Charles Harington, representing the Cheshire Regiment, Gen. Sir Reginald Hewetson, Gen. Sir Charles Jones, Gen. Sir John Mogg, Gen. Sir Nigel Poett, Lt-Gen. Sir Richard Vincent, Lt-Gen. Sir Derek Lang, representing 51 Highland Division, Lt-Gen. Sir Robin Carnegie, representing the Queen's Own Hussars, Lt-Gen. Sir Ian Jacob, Lt-Gen. Sir Henry Leask.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and Lady Gingell, Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, Maj-Gen. Sir Nigel Tapp, Maj.-Gen. Sir Philip Ward, Maj.-Gen. Sir John Willoughby, representing the Middlesex Regiment, Major Sir Arthur Collins, representing Second Household Cavalry Regiment, Sir Lawrence Byford, Sir Kenneth Barraclough, Sir Ralph and Lady Gibson, Sir David and Lady Llewellyn, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir Robert and Lady Mackintosh, Sir Brian Warren, Lady Buke-Sider, Sir John Page, M.P., representing the Norfolk Yeomanry.

Rear Adml R. V. Holley, representing the First Sea Lord and the Admiralty Board, Air Vice-Marshal R. G. Ashford, representing the Air Force Board, Maj.-Gen. J. N. S. Arthur, representing the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Maj.-Gen. H. E. N. Bredin, representing the Royal Irish Rangers, Maj.-Gen. P. J. Chiswell, representing HQ Wales, Maj.-Gen. J. D. Frost, representing the Parachute Regiment, Maj.-Gen. L. A. D. Harrod, representing the Royal Regiment of Wales, Maj.-Gen. B. P. Hughes, representing the Master Gunner, St James's Park, Maj.-Gen. A. G. C. Jones, representing HQ Royal Engineers, Maj.-Gen. R. E. T. St John, representing the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Maj.-Gen. A. J. Watson, representing the Black Watch, Maj.-Gen. G. H. Watkins, representing the C-in-C. British Army of the Rhine.

Major-Generals J. Cowley, D. S. Gordon, J. Harington, D. Livesey, P. L. de C. Martin, G. P. R. Roberts, D. J. St M. Tabor, R. H. Wadsworth and D. J. Wilson-Haffenden, Maj.-Gen. K. Rudnicki, representing the First Polish Armoured Division, Rear-Adml. A. J. Whetstone, representing the National Television Rental Association, Col Michael Woodhead, representing the Colonel, 9/12th Royal Lancers (POW), Col K. D. Brown, representing the GOC SW District, Lt-Col. C. H. Rayment, Regimental Secretary, Royal Tank Regiment, representing the Director Royal Armoured Corps and Colonel Commandant, Royal Tank Regiment.

Mr J. C. Sainty, Clerk of the Parliaments, Major G. V. S. Le Fanu, Serjeant at Arms, House of Commons, the Mayor of Wells, Mrs L. Brown, Major J. K. Nairne, Mr and Mrs J. L. McN. Shelford, Mr and Mrs N. Vincent, Mr and Mrs P. Warner, Mr C. Woodruff, Mr John Stokes, M.P., Mr Carol Mather, M.P.

Representatives of the household Cavalry, the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, the Royal Ulster Rifles, 281 (Malta) Infantry Brigade, the Queen's Regiment, 8th Armoured Brigade, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Middlesex Regimental Association, the Scots Guards, 13/18 Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), Durham Light Infantry, Worcestershire Regimental Association, Royal Welch Fusiliers, 59 Staffordshire Division, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Wiltshire Regiment, 15th (IOM) LAA Regiment, Royal Artillery, Scots Guards Association, Sharpshooters Yeomanry Association, Nottingham Sherwood Rangers Association, Staff College, Camberley, Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Regimental Association, Bath and District Africa Star Association, 55 Great Britain, Uppingham School, Uppingham Old Boys, Fight for Sight, the Institute of Ophthalmology, the Royal Humane Society, Patents Animal Welfare Society, Beher Rugby Football Club, the FINANCIAL TIMES, Boris, the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain, Emsworth Sailing Club and Bristol Old Vic, and many other senior Army officers.

TODAY'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Prince Philip, opens new offices of the Disabled Living Foundation in Harrow Road, W9, 2.45 and the Queen's Park Health Centre, Dart St, W.10, 3.50.

Prince Philip, Chairman of the National Federation of Housing Associations Inquiry into British Housing, chairs third meeting of the inquiry at the Travellers' Club, Pall Mall, 10.30; attends Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers dinner at Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George St, S.W.1, 7.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: Robert Garland, "Ancient Greeks at war," 11.30; Jessica Rawson, "Chinese ornament China & Islam," 1.15.

Museum of London: Anne Jones, "Tudor expansion in London," 1.10.

National Gallery: William Vaughan, "Edward Munch," 1.

St Bride's, Fleet St: Louise Chesher, organ, 1.15.

St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: Mistral Ensemble, 1.15.

St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap: Sir Robin Gillett, "The Office of Lord Mayor," 1.10.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN and Prince Philip visit offices of the Times to mark its bicentenary, 10.30 and 8.30 p.m.

Prince Philip, Patron and Twelfth Man of the Lord's Taverners, presents County Championship Trophy at Buckingham Palace, 3.30; as Honorary Life Member of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, presents Association's 1984 Prince Philip Award and Certificates of Merit at Buckingham Palace, 4.15.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum, Rachel Astor, "Chinese ornament — the Islamic connection," 11.30; Penelope Wallis, "Anglo-Saxon architecture," 1.15.

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, Style —Post-Impressionism, 1.

Westminster Abbey: Concert in the Nave by Central Band of the R.A.F., 12.30.

All Souls, Langham Place, Martyn Mason, organ, 6.45.

St George's Hanover Square: Rebecca Davies (mezzo soprano) with Clare Toomer (piano), 1.10.

St Olave, Hart St: Recital by Rosemary Furniss (violin), Alexander Baillie (cello) and Kathryn Stott (piano), 1.5.

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Latest Wills

BYRON, Nellie, Kessingland, Nr Suffolk	£323,717
GARDINER, E. J., Amberley, Glos	268,218
HADDON, Mrs Barbara, Thames Ditton, Surrey	289,710
HOLT, H. H. E., Pinner, Middlesex	220,565
HUGHES, D., Newbury, Berks	189,315
LAMPSON, K. G., Maresfield, E. Sussex	294,436
LORD, Mrs Pauline H., Tendring, Essex	350,665
MacKINNON, D., Burford, Oxfordshire, former chairman, Discount and General Securities	320,965
MARSHALL, C. R., Charlton Kings, Glos	262,851
MOORE, B. T., Rayleigh, Essex	256,771
PERCIVAL, Mrs Eileen M., Romsey, Hants	201,656
SHAW, J. H., Owlesbury, Hants	225,568
STAVELEY, Mrs Ella F., Church Stretton, Shropshire	313,610
THOMSON, Mrs Violet, Southbourne, Dorset	188,094
WALKER, Sir John, Lodsworth, W. Sussex, former Ambassador to Venezuela and Norway	151,567
WATERS, W., Daresbury, Cheshire	227,184

CHESS VICTORY FOR SPRAGGETT

By Our Chess Correspondent

Kevin Spraggett (Canada) remains Commonwealth chess champion. He finished with a score of eight points from the 11 games in the tournament in the London dockland museum.

Pravin Thipsay (India) beat John Nunn (who turned down the offer of a draw and also scored eight, but Spraggett beat him on ti-break. Short, Speelman and Norwood, who becomes an international master, scored 7½.

World title date

The replayed world chess championship match between Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov is to begin on Sept. 2, probably in either Moscow or London, it was announced yesterday by Mr Florencio Campomanes, president of the International Chess Federation.

Obituary

MAY BLYTH

May Blyth, who has died aged 86, was a noted operatic soprano between the wars, who was also one of the earliest broadcasters. She made her Covent Garden debut in 1922 with the British National Opera Company and was first heard on radio in 1923. She was a regular broadcaster until 1949.

Her roles included Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana" and the 1927 Columbia recording of the B.N.O.C. performance was conducted by her husband, Aylmer Buesst, who died in 1970. She also sang Mimi in "La Boheme," Elsa in "Lohengrin" and Sieglinde.

In 1934 she sang Marie in the first English performance of Alban Berg's "Wozzeck" at the Queen's Hall, with Boult conducting. From 1946 to 1974 she was a professor of singing at the Royal Academy of Music.

Edward Walter Evans. At Dorchester, aged 95. Entered Colonial Service 1914, served East Africa and Caribbean, Mauritius 1952-59, retired 1959. Served, Overseas Service BBC 1942-45, Control Commission, Germany 1945-46. Lecturer in Colonial History and Administration, Bristol University 1946-55. CMG 1951.

Prince Frederick Ernest of Saxe Altenburg. At Rosenheim, Bavaria, aged 79. Youngest son of Ernest II, last reigning Duke of Saxe Altenburg, who abdicated November 1918. Historian and archaeologist, champion and protector of Anastasia, the woman who claimed to be the daughter of the Tsar of Russia who escaped massacre at Ekaterinburg.

Hon Richard Noel Byron. In air crash in West Africa, aged 37. Eldest son of Lt Col Lord Byron.

Brig. Norman MacDonald McLeod. At North Berwick, aged 99. Commissioned Royal Artillery 1906, served 1914-18 War, M C 1916, D S O 1917. A D C to King George VI 1937-39. Retired 1939. Sector Commander, London District, Home Guard 1940-44. Ministry of Home Security 1944-45.

William Henry Watling. At Whitley Bay, aged 81. Deputy Controller, Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance 1958-66. C B E 1966.

Paull Harrap. In London, Aged 67. Worked for the family publishing firm. Chairman of general books side until his retirement just over a year ago. Chairman of the Book Trade Benevolent Fund. Made C B E in 1974.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Ever Onward

"SEX discrimination," reports the SHEFFIELD STAR, "was the only subject on the syllabus for more than 300 pupils at a Sheffield comprehensive school this week. All classes were cancelled for third-year children at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School to allow them to spend the week studying problems of sexism and sex-stereotyping."

Why, you may ask, was this? Were the regular teachers on strike, making it necessary, if the children were not to be sent home, to employ some clowns and comic actors to entertain them with modish and mildly amusing drivel?

Not at all. The reason was "the school's participation in a project run jointly by the Equal Opportunities Commission and the local education authority which encouraged staff to find ways of making children aware of sex discrimination."

Did no member of the staff have the courage to object to this foolery and refuse to take part in it? If so, it is not recorded. Yet this would be a good reason, if ever there was one, for a teachers' strike.

Here is a real triumph for social engineering. Is there any reason why further weeks at this and other schools should not be devoted, after all cancelled, to other such ordinary classes have been subjects—"homosexual rights," "anti-racism," "peace", support for striking miners and so forth?

The ideal would be a school which had abandoned all teaching of irrelevant subjects like English grammar and spelling, mathematics, science or history altogether and had simply become an institution for social engineering, staffed by experts in brain-washing and left-wing propaganda.

A Musical Treat

NEWS of the forthcoming "Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century" Festival in London has had mixed reactions in the Stretchford Conurbation.

The Tourism, Leisure and Amenity Department of the Metropolitan County Council makes only a meagre grant to its symphony orchestra, and grudges even that. But officials feel the county has been slighted by the omission of Sir Jim Gastropodi from the list of conductors which includes Claudio Abbado, Leonard Bernstein, Pierre Boulez and Sir Colin Davis.

In a confused debate Cllr J. S. Clench (Lab.), the new chairman of the Tourism, Leisure and Amenity Committee, said: "I yield to none in my love of music. Sir Jim may be an old half-wit, with his long white hair over his collar and fancy foreign tunes, but I think he ought to have been invited to conduct one of these tunes by this Mahler he's so fond of, and so put Stretchford on the musical map of Britain where it belongs."

Cllr B. Goat (Con.) said: "I yield to none in my love of music but speaking personally I, myself, in my own view, think that if it means having to pay for a coach or coaches to take Sir Jim and his orchestra to London then we should take a long, cool look at the cost accountancy grass roots before committing ourselves."

Sir Jim himself has somehow got the idea into his head that he *has* been invited to take part in the festival and that he will be asked to conduct symphonies belonging to Mahler's so-called "late" or "spectral" period, in which he specialises, particularly No. 29 (the "Unbelievable") and No. 30 (the "Insufferable"), the scores of which turned up only last year in the attic in Klagenfurt where so many have been found.

As long as they don't have to play these works themselves, Sir Jim's "lads" are quite ready to go to London. "Ah could do with a trip to that Soho," Ron Spheroyd, the West Riding-born principal bass tuba, boomed across the Sadcake Memorial Hall during a rehearsal of the third slow movement of No. 19 (the "Unconscionable").

"Ah've seen me when I were a lad," he went on. Then, suddenly realising that he was due to come in with a long blast in the next bar but three in the so-called "misterioso" section for bass tubas, harps, cymbals, tubular bells and muted soprano, he bellowed the rest of his reminiscences down his instrument, with an effect of mysterious yet ironical anguish the composer might have appreciated.

Beware!

NATIONAL No-Smoking Day, the Festival of the Anti-Smoking Industry, will take place this year on March 20. A new attraction will be "Cleanair," an organisation "engaged in drawing public attention to smoking and its effect on health and the environment."

It is a new auxiliary for the great campaign, dedicated to the proposition that smoking not only kills smokers but harms (and may even kill) non-smokers who involuntarily inhale tobacco smoke.

"Cleanair" is putting out a number of posters with slogans like "We Thank You For Not Smoking" and "Smoking Is Slow Motion Suicide." They are designed by Mr Biman Mullick, described as a "reluctant passive smoker."

Reluctant passive smokers are a newly discovered class of victim of what Dr Llewelyn Goth-Jones, the Director of Community Medicine for Stretchford, has described as "the deadliest scourge which has ever afflicted the human race."

The beauty of the idea is that everybody on earth can be called a reluctant passive smoker. The deadly fumes of tobacco drift about the world. Even in the fastnesses of the Himalayas or at the North and South Poles you cannot be absolutely certain that the supposedly pure air you breathe so confidently does not contain a minute but still potentially lethal element of this evil vapour.

Drooling Point

"WHAT accounts for Mr Enoch Powell's twin interests in race and human embryos? Mr Leo Abse (Labour, Torfaen) has offered his own Freudian analysis: 'His interest is founded on his prurient curiosity about (blacks') sexual habits . . . men who are not confident in their sexuality fear in vitro fertilisation. If there were fewer eunuchs in this country there would be fewer Enochs in the House . . ." (from the GUARDIAN).

Peter Simple

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AGAIN, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.
Matthew IV, v. 8-10.

R J K—50 not out A O L—Jean SPINS

WOULD the young gentleman from the continent travelling on the train Sunday October 14th 1984, from Dover to Victoria station, wearing light tweed coat whose suitcase fell from the rack please write W.T.4968, Daily Telegraph, E.C.4.

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BARNFIELD, née PRICE, MADGE SOPHIA BARNFIELD, née PRICE, widow, late of Puckrup Hall, Twyning, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, died there on 27th December 1983. (Estate about £2,790.)

BARTHOLOMEW, HENRIETTA LILY BARTHOLOMEW, spinster, late of 226a Cavendish Road, Balham, London SW12, died at Clapham, London SW4 on 4th December 1983. (Estate about £4,000).

BELLERBY, MARY NELLIE BELLERBY, spinster, late of 25 St Paul's Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, died at Clacton-on-Sea, on 20th April 1984. (Estate about £1,700).

GARRATT, ARTHUR SIDNEY GARRATT, otherwise SIDNEY ARTHUR GARRATT, late of Knighton House, 341 London Road, Leicester, died in Leicester on 13th March, 1934. (Estate about £1,800.)

GLENDINNING, otherwise GLENDENNING, WILLIAM GLENDINNING otherwise WILLIAM GLENDENNING, late of 68 Wellesley Road, Kentish Town, London NW5, died at Hampstead, London, NW3, on 12th October 1983. (Estate about £6,500.)

GREEN, HERBERT BENJAMIN GREEN, late of 171B Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, London, E.7, died there on 13th February, 1983. (Estate about £1,800.)

HOPCROFT, BEATRICE FANNY ELSIE HOPCROFT otherwise BEATRICE MAUD HOPCROFT otherwise BEATRICE HOPCROFT, spinster, late of Brownhill House, Lower Brownhill Road, Southampton, died at Southampton on 14th February, 1984. (Estate about £4,750.)

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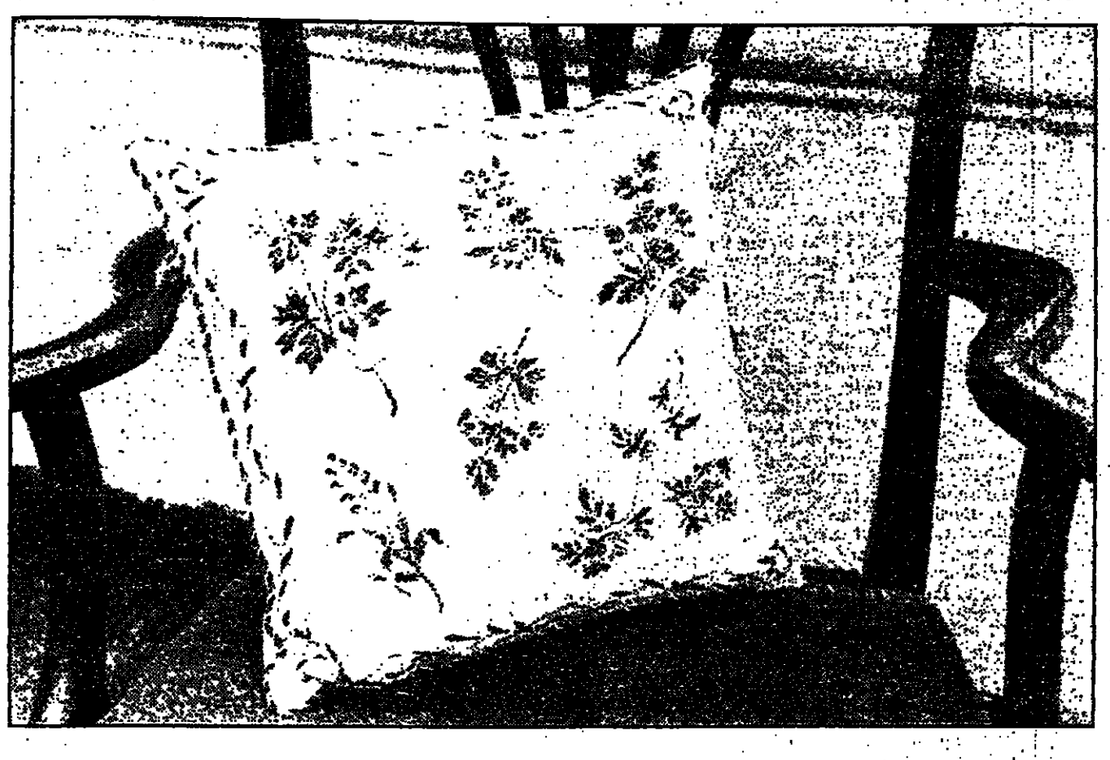

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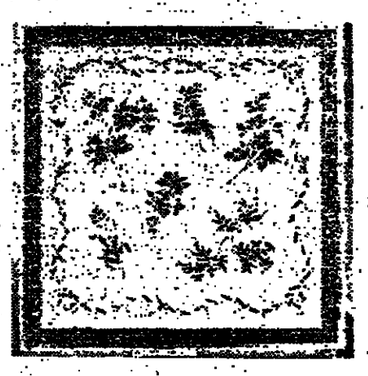

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The piano now graces the elegant Georgian drawing room of a house in Bath, 1 Royal Crescent, which is owned by the Bath Preservation Trust.

The piano was made in 1798 by William Rolfe in Cheapside, London, and is similar in style to Beethoven's piano illustrated in Grove's "Dictionary of Music." In Georgian days it became increasingly fashionable to paint musical instruments, including pianos.

Like many people, I have seen such paintings in music departments of museums, usually ambitious scenes from mythology, mostly beyond the scope of translation into embroidery.

But from this delicate 18th-century painting of flowers has evolved our Cushion of Bath and our embroidered picture on silk, which have been designed for us by the Royal School of Needlework.

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The ivory silk for the picture is printed with a line drawing, is embroidered in stranded cotton and has a cotton lining, all of which are included in the pack. Appropriate embroidery needles, instructions, coloured pictures and details of stitches are also included in each pack.

Before embarking on the picture it is essential to use a square embroidery frame with two bars of webbing attached and holes on the opposite sides. The object is to keep the square of silk and its cotton lining taut during work.

Another hint for working the picture is to use a single thread of sewing cotton and secure the silk and backing fabric together by a series of small stitches within the design outline of flower sprays and border. Embroidery stitches will cover the tiny base threads. The working chart explains in detail. The finished picture is 15in. square, also exclusive of margin.

Embroidered pictures were popular in the late 18th-century. A quality picture of this period and size, Christie's, the auctioneers, tell me, would probably sell for around £300 to £500.

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YOU WRITE

Where gin is a substitute for anti-freeze

WITH all the extra hazards that winter weather brings, readers have been inspired to write in with some useful — and ingenious — motoring tips.

Mrs Rosemary Curtis of Charlton Horethorne near Sherborne, wanting the rest of us to benefit from her experience, related how her rear windscreen wiper packed up on a wet day.

"I went straight to my village garage for help. They told me I had saved myself £40 (or a new motor) by seeking help so soon. Although the switch was in the 'off' position power was still going to the wiper and it would, within a couple of hours, have burned out the motor. If this had happened it would have fused the rear fog lights—not much fun for the journey I was planing to make on the M3 in winter."

G. Reeves wrote from Andorra to pass on a novel way of stopping water from freezing in windscreen washers. "We use gin instead of water and anti-freeze. It may not be cheap enough elsewhere to permit this normally but it may well be worth using some of one's duty free allowance on the outward trip to ensure clean windscreens when driving in the mountains."

Just for the record he explains: "In Andorra gin costs less than £1 a litre."

Rabbi M. Singer from the Central Synagogue in Birmingham wrote to dispute what he understood of Mrs Michele Guinness's upbringing in Judaism (before her conversion to Christianity, Woman's Page January 26).

He suggests a "Jewish-Christian amalgam is theologically impossible and seems in some way to feed on a jaundiced view of Judaism."

He notes that fringe missionary groups have sprung up recently aimed at converting young Jews, and deplores that some "prey upon Jews who are obviously going through a period of emotional infirmity or nervous disability." The Rabbi points out that in the Jewish community in Mrs Guinness's native Gateshead "divorce, drug-taking, children put into care and appearances in criminal courts are virtually unknown. Stress is also laid on scholarship and character when choosing a marriage partner."

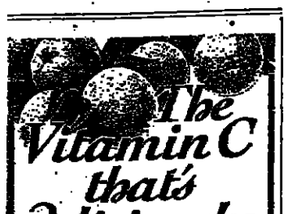
Cynthia Reavell from Hastings wrote taking to task the advice recently given on combating depression. "Only one alternative to drugs was mentioned. Priestly counselling is not the answer for everybody and it was a pity Dr Hutchin didn't so much as touch on relaxation and meditation or dietary supplements. Equally, herbal remedies have a tranquillising effect. None of these things is habit-forming, nor do they have unpleasant side effects."

One unpleasant development, the talking cash register which announces purchases at the check-out, described on the Woman's Page recently as an American innovation, prompted Mrs F. H. Allen from Dumfries to write to point out that they have had them in that Scots city for some time.

"Items being called out is not any more public than your trolley of purchases being looked at as you wait."

She applauds the idea because "purchases are also clearly named on the check out slip, not just shown as a long list of figures."

LYNNE EDMUNDS



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ABOVE LEFT: the spotted silk blouson of black and white, one of several, that Elizabeth Connell teams with a slim black wool skirt.

ABOVE CENTRE: the "mantel of blue" that was worn for Zemlinsky Lyric Symphony at a promenade concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Also significant to the music, the necklace and earrings of fake rubies from Fior. ABOVE RIGHT: the dashing blue wool cape coat for travelling that reverses completely to black, as does the matching stole. All clothes by Franka. Pictures by ANTHONY MARSHALL.

CLOTHES TO SING ABOUT

BY ANN CHUBB

WATCHING the soprano Elizabeth Connell sing with the London Symphony Orchestra at the beginning of the month to tumultuous applause, one realises why she takes as much time and trouble to plan and organise her wardrobe in the same detail as her high-powered, year-long tour of the international opera houses.

Among a sea of black-clad musicians and chorus she positively shone out in her stunning emerald green satin two-piece, designed, as are most of her clothes, by the London-based Yugoslavian couturier Franka.

"We work together about a year ahead on the clothes according to the schedule and its requirements," she explained. "For a requiem of course, it has to be black. For the Royal Albert Hall you need to take into account the huge size of the hall and wear something voluminous.

"And quite often, if I'm singing about a colour, I like to incorporate that into what I wear somehow. I'm so used to wearing costumes for opera that it makes it all feel real to me."

For instance, for the Lyric Symphony at a Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall last September, she wore a rustling blue taffeta dress because she was singing about wearing a blue mantle. And with it, a fake ruby necklace, again to tie in with the storyline.

Her favourite shape both on and off stage is a big blouson top, with deep armholes and easy to move about in (especially important in an energetic role). Her travelling basic is a slim black wool skirt with different blousons ranging from matching black to the jolly black-and-white spotted silk which we picture her in here.

Another is in black silk with a huge corn design in red. This way she is ready for almost any unexpected event. "Even if I'm wearing costume on stage, I like to arrive and leave looking like a diva."

Another versatile travelling outfit (again by Franka) is her dashing black cape coat, totally reversible to royal blue with a reversible stole of the same fabric. This way she can be dressed all in black, all blue or a mix of the two colours. These are all good ideas for anyone who likes a capsule wardrobe and who is handy with a needle.

Elizabeth Connell, South African-born but London based, says that she is currently enjoying a new lease of life. Recently she dramatically changed both her voice and her figure, switching from mezzo to soprano and at the same time losing a dramatic five stone in weight to suit her new role. "Sopranos are meant to be slimmer types," she explained. "You can't look hale and hearty if you're dying of T.B. in La Traviata."

It was a slow process: "no crazy diets, just cutting down and re-educating my eating habits. Now it's more important for me to look good than have a cream cake." She has also stepped up her exercising and jogs in the summer and skips all year round.

Her busy schedule takes her on now to Vienna, Munich and Milan before she returns to England in June to start rehearsals for "Idomeneo" at Glyndebourne.

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NATIONAL CURRENCIES come packaged in prestige. Five years ago when sterling was "riding high" at $2·40 the captains of our industry and commerce were all set to jump from their office balconies while the men and women in the street walked tall. Now the roles are reversed. It is important therefore to distinguish the real hazards arising from the present plight of sterling—and the other European currencies—from nameless fears of the unknown. The real hazards are three.

The first is the hazard of imported inflation. In times past when sterling's weakness reflected the follies of domestic policies, and when wage settlements were governed by price movements and decrees, a falling pound meant soaring prices. In today's climate of competition at home and weak markets for commodities that have to be imported the link is much more tenuous. Softer pounds do still mean slacker pressures at the elbows of the wage negotiators. But so long as the Government keeps a firm grip on credit creation, additional inflationary influences should be modest.

The second hazard is that of still higher interest rates. Following the overdue corrections applied in January there is now no compelling domestic reason for dearer borrowing. Nevertheless the Government would be wise not to resist market movements towards a higher rate should those materialise—not least because resistance would be liable to fail. The only real barrier to higher interest charges provoked by backlash from the dollar would come from joining the European exchange rate mechanism. But it is important to remember that such a move could well result in interest staying higher for longer if and when the dollar began to fall.

This is the third and greatest hazard. Few seriously believe that the present level of the dollar any longer reflects something more substantial than speculative fever. What we are witnessing could well turn out to be the final burst of fuel before the rocket burns out. The higher it carries the United States currency, the further it has to fall. And when it does the American economy will lie wide open to inflation—inflation which through time will be liable to spread overseas. Meanwhile Britain's businessmen have an unrivalled opportunity to conquer markets from American competitors. They must make haste to seize it while they may.

SIR ROBERT'S HOMILY

AFTER THE PONTING AFFAIR it was made known that Civil Servants would receive fresh guidelines on their duty. Such a course was open to misgivings. The vast majority in the Civil Service, particularly those serving Ministers, have their own guidelines. They abide by them. Breaches of trust are rare. To come the heavy uncle after one signal instance of disloyalty, seemed more likely to stir resentment than to guide. Such misgivings are allayed by Sir ROBERT ARMSTRONG's handling of these guidelines, now made public. He must be a very sensitive Civil Servant who resents the tenor of Sir ROBERT's guidance.

What the Cabinet Secretary and head of the Civil Service has done is to restate principles by which nearly everyone in the service abides. That is a necessary exercise because one unfortunate consequence of PONTING and the ferment which accompanied him was to confuse first principles. To argue speciously whether a Civil Servant owes first loyalty to his service, his Minister, to Parliament or to his own conscience is to confuse. Part of Sir ROBERT's task has been to resolve confusion caused by media chat shows.

His guidelines are founded on common sense. A Civil Servant (like anyone else) who finds himself in a conflict of conscience versus duty is advised to consult his superior. That does not surround the Civil Service with a special *mystique*. It is what happens in countless other institutions. While refusing to be drawn into statistics, Sir ROBERT doubts if leaks by Civil Servants show a serious upward trend. We can confirm his judgment. Leaks are news—because they are relatively rare. The value of this even-tempered note of guidance is that the public, by now far more confused than the Civil Service by happenings like PONTING, are given a fresh look at the ethos of a service of which they know little. More positively, Sir ROBERT's homily restates the value of confidences between Civil Servants and Minister. Much of life, far outside public service, depends on confidences. The virtue is not altogether to be derided. It is well to be reminded of it.

FIGHTING A MYTH

A RECENT LEADER in the NEW YORK TIMES makes clear once again how hard is the task of presenting the British case on Ireland to the American people. Even Mrs THATCHER's brilliant attempt to do this in her speech to Congress last week, though it appeared to give satisfaction at the time, conspicuously failed to convince that newspaper. "She dealt with effects," the article asserts, "without mentioning the historic failure of a million Protestants to acknowledge the rights and humanity of half a million Catholics." What was missing, it adds, "was even a hint about the grievances of the oppressed in the British-ruled North." Her view, if insisted, of self-determination effectively gave the Protestants a veto on change and closed the door to peaceful evolution.

It is hard to imagine a more grotesque distortion of the facts about contemporary British policy towards Ulster or of the Prime Minister's words. Admittedly, the Prime Minister repeated that Ulster would not be driven out of the Kingdom against its will, adding that if ever there were a majority in Ulster in favour of changing that status she believed that Parliament would respond accordingly. That is after all what self-determination means and it emphatically does not amount to giving anybody a "veto" on all change. As for discrimination, it is pure fantasy to speak of the Province (even under Stormont) as though it were comparable with HITLER's Germany, STALIN's Russia or even South Africa under apartheid. In recent years, however, there has been a plethora of measures designed to combat sectarian unfairness. Can the NEW YORK TIMES also be unaware of all those "political initiatives" since the early '70s?

The truth is that we are not just up against the historic memories and myths of Irish-Americans, but also the American anti-colonialist myth itself under the terms of which Ireland today is a symbol for the American colonies before 1776. Myths are understandable, but they should not be allowed (however unwittingly) to come to the aid of murder.

FORTY YEARS ON: A VIEW FROM WARSAW

Is Poland on our conscience?

In February, 1945, three months before V.E. Day, Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt met at Yalta, on the Black Sea, to settle the fate of post-war Europe. It was the high point of Allied diplomacy: there was to be no squabbling over the spoils of war.

The three leaders put together a document headed "Plans for the Final Defeat of the Common Enemy." They agreed that an unconditional surrender would be imposed on Germany (and on arrangements for setting up the United Nations). But the key issue was Poland, and 17 hours was devoted to it, with Churchill alone in asking that the Poles should be free to choose their own government. Critics (including many Poles in exile) now argue that Europe was cynically carved up at Yalta and that Churchill and Roosevelt disregarded Stalin's strategic and ideological ambitions, thereby betraying millions of East Europeans into Soviet bondage. It can also be argued that nothing said or done at Yalta would have deterred Stalin from doing what he liked in his "sphere of influence": what betrayed Yalta was the Red Army, whose advance was deciding the issues, and Stalin's duplicity.

What do Poles still in Poland feel about it now? We invited one of them, a leading Warsaw political commentator, to express his view.

THE Polish calendar of political anniversaries is so full of wars, battles, and uprisings that people here have no time to think much about the Yalta Conference, but the consequences are felt every day. Forty years ago at Yalta Winston Churchill said that for Great Britain Poland was a matter of honour and the British people would not accept a solution according to which Poland would not be a host in her home. He immediately assured Stalin that of course the post-war Polish State should not be inimical to Russia.

The Soviet leader replied that for the Russians, Poland was not only a matter of honour but a matter of security as well. An affair of honour because in the past Russians committed many sins against Poland. The Soviet Government is trying to redress those sins. A matter of security because the biggest strategic problems of the Soviet State were connected with Poland.

He recalled the experience of both world wars when Germany attacked Russia through Poland. The case of Poland, Stalin said, was a life and death matter to the Soviet Union. Roosevelt was only able to remark that for five centuries Poland had been a headache to the world.

Now, 40 years later, Ronald Reagan, Francois Mitterrand, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and some other politicians of the West, thinking first of all about their anti-Communist clients, lament the fate of Polish and other East European peoples. According to them Yalta did not mean a division of Europe (emergence of socialist countries). Roosevelt and Churchill did not agree on Communist governments (the West did not sell-out Poland, etc.). Some Western commentators tactfully remind us that at Yalta Roosevelt was two months before his death and did not understand much, and Churchill did not have enough strength behind him and lacked stubborness.

Such a reasoning does not make sense and is clearly politically motivated. Yalta was not a cause but a consequence. History is not made around conference tables or at summit meetings. Especially in this part of the world history was written with the blood of Polish and Soviet citizens.

One can blame Stalin for a lot, but not that he would waste his greatest military effort and sacrifice of Russia and leave the countries liberated from German occupation to the West, which was by then already anti-Communist and anti-Soviet. When it came to the creation of the post-war security system of Europe the Christian heritage of Poland and our tradition of a Mediterranean culture were as insignificant as the British sense of honour.

Poland is a socialist country today not because Roosevelt was old, Churchill was tired and Stalin was evil, but because world war two reduced the number of great Powers to only two and a bipolar world was created. The common enemy was the only cement that welded the two — United States and Soviet Union. When the enemy was crushed it became clear again how far the West was from the East.

At Yalta the West was weak. There had been more than three long years of atrocious war when Russia needed the Western allies. Now it was Roosevelt and Churchill who asked Stalin for help. Roosevelt wanted the Russians to join the war against Japan and Churchill sent a telegram to Stalin just a month before the conference to speed up the offensive because Gen. Eisenhower had a difficult time in the Ardennes. At Yalta the West, especially the United States, had to pay the bill for leaving the Soviet Union and Poland to a large degree alone in their anti-Fascist effort.

It would be worthwhile to ask those politicians who question Yalta today where they were in 1939 when our enemies invaded our country; where they were in 1941 when Hitler attacked Russia; where they were in the time of Auschwitz and Ghettoes; where they were when the Soviet tanks changed the tide of war at Kursk and Stalingrad to stop only at the Elbe. These were those who left the Russians to bleed, who threw the heroes of the Warsaw uprising into a hopeless and tragic battle, and then waited. The West was saving its soldiers and had to pay the bill soon.

It makes no sense to blame the handful of Polish Communists who drew their lesson from the past and felt the immense strength of the Red Army behind them. Had Poland been located in California or at least at the Pyrenean Peninsula her fate would have been different not only at Yalta, but much longer ago. It would not have been a revolving door between East and West. Hitler's road to Russia went through Poland as did the army of Napoleon, and by the same token the shortest way to Berlin let the Red Army through Poland too.

Now, 40 years later, some politicians shed tears about the fate of Poland and other countries, as they did a few years ago by exploiting the Solidarity movement against the Soviet Union, while they themselves were sitting safe in front of their fireplaces and counting their votes in the next election. The fathers have no alibi. Instead of crying over spilt milk Mr Reagan, M. Mitterrand, Mr Brzezinski and others should think now how to help the Polish people to walk through another difficult period of our turbulent history.

They should abandon the policy of hostility toward Poland because this is a socialist and pro-Soviet State. They should spare themselves the satisfaction they draw from each consecutive crisis that shakes our country. Instead of fighting with the Soviet Union to the last Pole they should encourage trade and all forms of exchange with our country.

Instead of encouraging once again the Poles to stand against Russia for the benefit of the West they should think what the West can do to benefit the Polish people. The worst they can do is to say that 40 years of peace and socialism is enough. What many Polish people expect from the West is co-operation — not liberation.

Either the heirs of Roosevelt and Stalin have a sense of honour and are really ready to help alleviate the fate of my nation, which I doubt, or they would rather cynically exploit every Polish crisis and every historical anniversary to score points against Communism and the Soviet Union because for them it counts more than Poland.

DANIEL PASSENT

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LONDON DAY BY DAY

A taste of Harrison's own medicine

AN ELABORATE charade is being played out within the Labour Whips' Office over the disciplining of one of its distinguished previous incumbents, Walter Harrison, because of his failure to vote in last week's Belgrano debate.

Harrison's successor as Deputy Chief Whip, Norman Hogg, wrote courteously to ask his advice on how he would deal with a recalcitrant "much respected Privy Counsellor" who failed to vote.

Now Harrison, not noted for the kid-glove treatment when he was a Whip, has given his considered reply:

"My advice would be to write the type of letter written by your predecessor on similar cases he had to deal with. This said: 'Will you please call into my office as soon as possible' . . . If and when the person arrived, he would be encouraged to sit on the chaise longue while the door was bolted and the engaged signal turned on. Then the music would start."

The prospect of Harrison getting a taste of that medicine is one some of his colleagues are relishing.

Chain reaction?

FINDING a ladies' lavatory involves such endless treks around the Palace of Westminster for Ann Clwyd, the Left-wing Labour MP for Cynon Valley, that she has decided to embark upon a scheme which, she believes, will lead to a speedy rectification of the present inconvenience.

She has resolved to start entering the discreet doors marked "Private Members Only" which house MPs lavatory facilities — traditionally a male domain. Shy members should beware . . .

Clwyd already boasts a major assault on an all-male sanctum. The House of Commons barber now possesses a heated curling brush among his accessories. It seems he has not treated another lady's hair in seven years.

Name hatching

THERE SEEMS to be no end to the tidal wave of coincidental and very funny names reaching me from readers, one of whom tells me that 70 years ago her mother, Mrs Quick, was delivered of a baby by Dr Pace and attended by Nurse Hurry. But despite such urgent company, the baby, she tells me, was still a fortnight late.

A reader from Bournemouth adds that in her local maternity hospital 50 years ago there were two nursing sisters, a night sister and a day one, who constantly countermanded each other's orders—a little wonder since their names were Warr and Peace.

Handling the situation

DONALD SINDEN handled the sort of stage nightmare which would throw a lesser actor, with characteristic aplomb the other night, when a door handle came off in his hand during a performance of the frenetic West End farce, "Two Into One."

He made a bravura entrance, slamming the door behind him, to find the off-stage handle was still in his hand, much to the audience's amusement.

Sinden re-opened the door and flung the handle disdainfully out, so that it could be repaired by the stage crew. Nevertheless, he told me, he couldn't resist sneaking over to the door a few moments later and flinging it open—to reveal two stagehands furiously attempting to fix the handle back on.

Grateful thanks

THE ARMY'S bomb disposal unit which dismantled a one-ton bomb in Sheffield earlier this month has, I gather, been somewhat overwhelmed by the public's response.

That has included a commendation from the city's head of police mentioning that Sheffield United, whose game at the nearby Bramall Lane ground was postponed because of the bomb, were actually quite happy not to be playing. Two of their players were unfit that day but, by the time the match was played the following week, were able to help their side win.

One local resident offered his personal award. He told the bomb disposal men that they deserved a medal—so sent them the only one at his disposal, his father's 1914-18 campaign medal. It will be displayed in the regimental mess at Chatham.

Among the letters about the Sheffield bomb, the man who actually defused it, Captain Paddy Bowen, has received a deluge of fan-mail from old girlfriends. In the circumstances it is perhaps just as well that he has already decamped overseas—to defuse wartime American shells littering the island of Guadalcanal in the Pacific.

Calling card

FOLLOWING my story about the incompetence of phone-tappers I gather that David Stirling, who served with the first SAS regiment, was convinced that he was being bugged by the Wilson government during the industrial troubles of 1975. Stirling had set up an organisation called GB '75 to man essential services in the event of a general strike.

As the alleged "plumbers" could, Stirling believed, be detected by clicking noises on the telephone, one of his political contacts devised a code to inform him that the call was being monitored. It began "Wedgwood Benn agrees with everything we have said" or "Wedgwood Benn was just telling me."

Lost contract

DAVID BLUNKETT, the fast-rising Labour local government leader, had one of those days politicians — and television producers — dread last Sunday when he was due to be interviewed live on Channel 4's "Face the Press."

Blunkett, who is blind, was picked up from his home in Sheffield by a mini-cab sent from London to take him to the studios. When the cab arrived in London the driver got hopelessly lost. The car's two-way radio was out of order so there was no way they could warn the programme makers.

Eventually the driver gave up in despair, and hailed a black cab for Blunkett, who eventually arrived just two minutes after the interview was due to begin—but alas, a last minute substitution had already been made—an interview with Chay Blyth.

The programme's producer has now sacked their car firm.

"I know plenty who wouldn't be anywhere else!"

No time for tea

THE VAST headquarters of the British Army of the Rhine and RAF Germany is shortly to be rewired because, say the staff, the Naafi trolley service has been withdrawn as an economy measure.

Most of the headquarters' 3,000 offices at Rheindahlen, near Munchen Gladbach, have their own coffee machines or kettles puffing away using power at the optimum mid-morning elevenses time—a daily crisis period which the existing electrical system cannot cope with.

A team of electricians is now to be called in to supplement existing cables which have also been overloaded by banks of computers which were not foreseen when the HQ was built in 1954—back in the good old days of abundant tea trolleys and Naafi girls.

Looking into it?

THE EASTERN EVENING NEWS reported this week "An Elsan chemical toilet has disappeared from a hut at Corton's pitch and putt course. Lowestoft police are investigating the theft, but say they have nothing to go on."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RETIREMENT FOR ALL AT 58

SIR—It seems strange that the Government should be considering taking further action in the Budget to increase the number of unemployed by making pensions less attractive and discouraging people from retiring.

Although unemployment has been rising steadily since 1961 (1961—292,000, 1983—3,100,000) the number of people in employment has fallen only by one million (1961—24·5 million, 1982—23·5 million). A significant factor has been the large increase in the labour force of 2½ million, caused by the changing social pattern:

	Male	Female	Total
1961	16·1m	7·7m	23·8m*
1981	15·9m	10·4m	26·3m

*These figures exclude certain people in self employment. (Figures from Social Trends 14. Her Majesty's Stationery Office.)

Among the major causes of unemployment, then, are:

1—The increasing number of people within the age group 18-65 (mainly women of all ages) wanting to work. This will probably go on increasing.

2—Technological change which enables productivity to rise and reduces the demand for workers.

3—Recession—although this is only a small factor out of the three.

There is one simple, cost-effective, socially acceptable solution to unemployment and that is to lower the age at which workers can obtain a full retirement pension to 58 for both men and women.

At present there is a substantial number of people who long to give up work if only they could afford it. At the same time we have more than three million unemployed people, of whom many would love to go to work if only they could find a job.

The current rate of social security benefit is exactly the same as the standard retirement pension. It is true that the earnings-related pension scheme will progressively cost more and more; but this will not reach its peak until well into the 21st century, and we need a solution before then.

On the opposite side of the equation, many middle-aged, unemployed people have dependants who are now supported by social security—pensioners are less likely to have them.

Fifty-eight-year-old men and women are less likely to engage in muggings, vandalism and burglary. We will cause much less bitterness and frustration by getting young people into work than by enabling older people to retire if they wish to do so.

Finally, if the burden of paying for those who cannot work was shifted to paying for those who chose to retire from work, we would all see the money as being used for ourselves one day. This would make it more acceptable to increase the charges on working people to pay for *their own* pension at an earlier age.

P. J. DEARY
Dep. Director,
Careers and Appointments Service,
University of Liverpool.

Tax and small business

SIR—If the Chancellor would really like to reduce unemployment by helping small businesses, he should increase the pre-registration Value Added Tax Income limit from £18,700 to a more realistic maximum of, say, £30,000/£35,000.

There are numerous small traders who will not earn more by working harder because their income would be penalised by further taxation in the form of 15 per cent. VAT on top of income tax. Consequently, the lower income limit does not provide for the expense of employing extra help in order to raise income and increase national prosperity.

The reduction of Government VAT income by increasing the registration limit to, say, £35,000, would be more than compensated by the sharp rise in collectable Pay As You Earn tax from the large number of newly engaged job-seekers needed by small firms to raise incomes in such an eventuality.

There would also be huge Government savings on reduced unemployment and social security payments through the newly created jobs, and a considerable increase in small firm income tax collection from the rising overall incomes created by the increased VAT pre-registration limit.

But, more significantly, many more people would be encouraged to set up their own small businesses if they were to be allowed to earn, say, £35,000, without the imposition of 15 per cent. VAT, rather than the £18,700 at present.

ALAN MOORE
Eastbourne.

Reputation of 'Burke's'

SIR—I was appalled by the unfortunate report (Feb. 25) about "Burke's barring Aids victims."

Quite apart from the physical impossibility of carrying out such a ban, I am saddened by this tasteless attempt to gain publicity at the expense of those pitiful people who suffer from this horrible disease.

The institution of the peerage is something for which I have the highest regard and as managing director of the only up-to-date, authoritative, reference book on the peerage and baronetage, I would like to disassociate "Debrett" from what can only be described as Nazi-type propaganda about "preserving the purity of the race" and "genetic defects."

Mr Brooks-Baker, who is described as the publishing director of "Burke's," should have a higher regard for the dignity of mankind and the intelligence of your readers than to regale them with such ludicrous and insensitive statements.

The type of publicity which Mr Brooks-Baker has indulged in over the past year has regrettably debased "Burke's" own reputation and, by implication, that of the peerage it used to document so impartially and accurately.

ROBERT JARMAN
Man. Director,
Debrett's Peerage Ltd.
London, S.W.6.

Chalfont and CND

SIR—I imagine that even Sir Clive Rose himself may be a little uncomfortable about Lord Chalfont's fulsome review of his new book on various peace organisations (Feb. 21).

Are we really all "termites," and "useful idiots"? Can those who are actually "treacherous" be identified for the benefit of those who will not be able to acquire the book?

What surprises me is that Sir Clive, who so clearly wants to lift the transparent curtain on the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, never troubled to ask us for a comment.

Apart from the simple issue of justice such a process might have produced a better book.

(Mgr) BRUCE KENT
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London, N4.

Plight of detainees

From the Marquess of SALISBURY

SIR—Over the last two years you have on a number of occasions drawn attention to the plight of two detainees in Zimbabwe who had been charged with contravening the Zimbabwe Official Secrets Act and the Emergency Powers (Maintenance of Law and Order) regulations.

They are Mr Philip Hartlebury who is a British citizen and Mr Colin Evans who has dual nationality. They have been tried and acquitted but were immediately rearrested.

They have not been charged with further offences and, although their detention has been reviewed by the Review Tribunal, this has not seen fit to recommend their release.

This case bears a striking resemblance to that of the six airmen whose detention was only ended after it had received much publicity outside Zimbabwe.

More recently, there has been the case of the four detainees in Libya whose release was achieved thanks to the efforts of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr Waite supported by substantial coverage in the Press and media.

I believe that the case of Mr Hartlebury and Mr Evans was raised by Sir Geoffrey Howe in the course of his talks with the Zimbabwe Government during his recent visit to that country—so far without success.

It may be that since the British Government continues to give substantial amounts of the British taxpayer's money in aid and loans to Zimbabwe—over £88 million to date with more to come—the Zimbabwe Government feels that Sir Geoffrey's efforts need not be taken too seriously.

May I urge you, Sir, to continue to draw the attention of the public to the situation of these two men, in the hope that it will contribute to their early release?

SALISBURY
House of Lords.

Lisbon's bounty

SIR—With regard to the Treasury's attitude towards the acceptance of works of art *in lieu* of taxes, I am reminded of the case of the late Mr Gulbenkian, who offered Britain his whole art collection, as well as an endowment of many millions of pounds sterling, provided the gift would not be subject to tax, presumably estate duty. By all accounts the offer was refused. Mr Gulbenkian then approached Portugal, which gratefully accepted.

As a result, Lisbon today has a beautiful park with a complex of art gallery, library, theatre, restaurant, all administered by an exceptionally well-endowed foundation. Artistically, Lisbon is today one of the best served capitals of Europe.

Will our politicians and bureaucrats never learn?

H. W. OGG
Nyetimber, W. Sussex.

Underfunded relief

SIR—Is Dr Richard Sutton's complaint regarding closure of cardiac surgery at Westminster Hospital (Feb. 21) yet another case of special pleading from over-generously manned and supplied London medical units feeling the pinch as resources are transferred to relatively deprived parts of the country?

One cannot expect them to be pleased but to use the example of coronary by-pass surgery to help their case is perhaps inappropriate.

There appears no convincing evidence from several surveys to show that coronary by-pass prolongs life; and a recent authoritative cardiological review (Hampson, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL) suggests that by-pass should compete with other forms of symptomatic relief, such as hip replacement, care of the mentally ill etc., most of which also feel underfunded and could show comparable waiting lists.

(Dr) N. E. EARLY
Chesterfield, Derbys.

Nuclear safeguards confidence undermined

SIR—Your Diplomatic Correspondent's report (Feb. 21) that the Soviet Union has agreed to limited nuclear "safeguards" on its civil nuclear facilities is to be welcomed. However, some further amplification on the issue is required.

It is true that the United States and the United Kingdom have signed similar agreements, the former coming into force in 1980; the latter in 1978, as CMND 6730.

Your report stated that "the purpose of a safeguards agreement is to prevent the undetected diversion of nuclear materials that could be used to make military explosives." That is true for countries without nuclear weapons. But for nuclear armed States, the safeguards agreement has a different purpose. A parliamentary answer of March 9, 1983, by Mr John Moore makes this clear: referring to CMND 6730, he said:

> The purpose of the offer to place all civil nuclear material under safeguards was to encourage widespread adherence to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty by demonstrating that non-nuclear weapon States would not be placed at a commercial disadvantage from the application of safeguards. This agreement, in contrast to those entered into by non-nuclear weapons States, was not intended to provide an assurance to other governments that material from the civil nuclear programme would not be used for defence purposes. The agreement specifically provides under clause 14 for the withdrawal of nuclear material from under the scope of the agreement for national security reasons.

Without doubt the Soviet Union will have insisted on a similar "withdrawal clause" in their safeguards agreement. It is, in my opinion, unlikely that any such agreement will reduce some of the criticism the Soviet Union and other nuclear weapons States will face at the NPT Review Conference in Geneva next September, as your Diplomatic Correspondent suggests.

Moreover, the Government told Parliament on February 7 that none of the civil plutonium arising from Britain's Magnox reactors, and currently under store at Sellafield, is physically inspected by the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards inspectors in connection with CMND 6730.

This surely undermines confidence that Britain itself is adhering to non-proliferation guidelines, as its civil and military nuclear activities are not kept separate nor are they monitored to ensure the detection of any diversion of nuclear materials.

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Civil servants told their first duty is to Ministers

By A. J. McILROY

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG, Cabinet Secretary, yesterday reminded civil servants that they are servants of the Crown and added: "For all practical purposes, the Crown in this context means and is represented by the Government of the day."

Sir Robert, head of the Civil Service, issued guidelines on conduct which were being distributed to some 20,000 officials having dealings with ministers.

Reminding them that they are members of a non-political and disciplined career service, he wrote:

"There are special cases in which certain functions are conferred by law upon particular members or groups of members *of the ublic service; but in general* the executive powers of the Crown are exercised by and on the advice of Her Majesty's Minister, who are in turn answerable to Parliament.

"The Civil Service as such has no constitutional personality *or responsibility separate from* the duly elected Government of the day.

"It is there to provide the Government of the day with advice on the formulation of the policies of the Government, to assist in carrying out the decisions of the Government, and to manage and deliver the services for which the Govern*ment is responsible.*

"Some civil servants are also involved, as a proper part of their duties, in the processes of presentation of Government policies and decisions."

The duty of the individual civil servant, he said, was first and foremost to the minister in charge of the department in which he or she was serving. The minister was answerable in Parliament for the conduct of the department's affairs and the management of its business.

Sir Robert went on "Civil servants are required to serve the duly elected Government of the day, of whatever political complexion.

"It is of the first importance that civil servants should conduct themselves in such a way as to deserve and retain the confidence of ministers, and as to be able to establish the same relationship with those whom they may be required to serve in some future Administration.

"The determination of policy *is the responsibility of the minister.* In this the civil servant has no constitutonal responsibility or role."

Duty of trust

Sir Robert said that civil servants were in breach of their duty and integrity if they deliberately withheld relative information from their minister or if they gave him the minister other than the best advice they believed available.

In a paragraph which has clear reference to the Ponting case Sir Robert wrote that civil servants were under an obligation to keep the confidences to which they become privy in the course of their official duties.

Parts of the guidelines which Sir Robert said were "relatively new material" because they were codified and spelled out for the first time at one time reminds civil servants that they should not be required to do anything unlawful.

In this unlikely event, the matter should be reported to a superior officer.

"If legal advice confirms that the action would be likely to be held to be unlawful, the matter should be reported in writing to the permanent head of the department."

Information for M Ps

The note to officials containing the *guidelines said that* civil servants often found themselves in situations where they were expected to give information to a Parliamentary select committee, to the media or to individuals.

But, in all cases, the civil servants first duty was to the minister and it was for the minister and not the civil servants to be responsible for what information was made available.

It was not acceptable for a serving or former civil servant to seek to frustrate policies or decisions of ministers by the disclosure outside the Government, in breach of confidence, of information to which he or she *has had access as a civil* servant.

Ministers and not civil servants bore the political responsibility.

Issues of conscience

Dealing with questions of conscience Sir Robert wrote: "A civil servant who feels that to act or to abstain from acting in a particular way, or to acquiese in a particular decision or course of action, would raise for him or her a fundemental issue of conscience, or is so profoundly opposed to a policy as to feel unable conscientiously *to administer it in* accordance with the standards described in this note, should consult a superior officer, or in the last resort the permanent head of the department who can and *should, if necessary, consult the* Head of the Home Civil Service."

'Recent events'

Introducing his note, Sir Robert said that in the past few months a number of his colleagues had suggested he put together the guidelines and publish them. Recent events, and the public discussions to which they had given rise, had led him to believe that this was the right time.

He said in the note that the maintenance of trust between Ministers and civil servants and the efficiency of Government itself depended upon the civil servants' ability to keep confidences.

"There is and must be a general duty upon every civil servant, serving or retired, not to disclose any document or information or detail about the course of business which has come his or her way in the course of duty if it is a breach of an obligation not to disclose the information."

Whether such disclosures were done for political, personal or pecuniary motives, the trust was forfeit quite apart from possible prosecution under the Official Secrets Act.

A civil servant could resign or seek a transfer but was still bound to keep any confidences.

A transfer would not necessarily work to the disadvantage of a civil servant's career in the circumstances.

Sir Robert said last night that he would be happy to meet representatives of the Civil Service Union and the First Division Association, representing 10,000 senior civil servants, to discuss any matters they wished to raise.

Rival committee

A Commons select committee is almost certain to investigate the lessons of the Ponting case.

Members of two committees, the Treasury and Civil Service Committee and the Employment Committee, are under pressure from members to undertake the task.

The Treasury Committee has asserted its priority in the issue, in reply to a note from Mr Ron Leighton, Labour M P for Newham North East, chairman of the Employment Committee, in which he expressed his own committee's interest in mounting an inquiry.

"Quicksand or not, Prime Minister, I've half a mind to struggle."

A30 ROUTE 'A BREACH OF POLICY'

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

THE Government has breached its policy by putting the route for the A30 Okehampton by-pass through the Dartmoor National Park, a Parliamentary Joint Committee was told yesterday by Mr *Michael Harrison, Q C,* representing objectors.

Mr Harrison said that the by-pass would pass South of the town, through two important and much-used areas of *open space. Bluebell Woods* and East Hill.

The Government's policy stated that major roads should not be routed through national parks unless there was no *reasonable alternative.*

Mr Harrison said: "There is a practical and reasonable alternative route to the north of Okehampton."

Suitable land

He said that the case had wide implications for the use of national park land and raised important points of law.

Ten amenity organisations headed by the 120-year-old Open Spaces Society have petitioned Parliament against the scheme.

The 1981 Acquistion of Land Act, lays down that where a government department intends to acquire open space, the compulsory purchase orders must be subject to special Parliamentary procedure unless suitable other land is offered *in exchange.*

At one stage, the Government tried to block the hearng of the petition, but it was allowed to go ahead after strong protests from MPs.

The objectors estimate that it will cost about £40,000 to present their case during a hearing which is expected to last a fortnight. So far, they have raised £25,000 from charities and donations.

The Transport Secretary approved the disputed route, after a 96-day public inquiry, in September 1983.

PRINCESS IN NEW DELHI

By JENNY SHIELDS
in New Delhi

Princess Anne arrived in New Delhi last night at the end of her Save the Children Fund tour. This afternoon she is to pay a courtesy call on Mrs Sonia Gandhi, wife of India's *new Prime Minister,* before flying to London tomorrow.

Before she left Madras the Princess briefly visited the British Council offices and toured a joint Anglo-Indian concern on the city's outskirts.

BLAZE DEATH

A 75-year-old widower, who has not yet been named, died in a fire at his home at Rock, near Bewdley, Worcs, yesterday.

New-style shears take ache out of gardening

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

SHEARS which take the arm and wrist ache out of hedge cutting, a light sensitive blind and a world beating racing car are among the winners of this year's Design Council awards, announced yesterday.

The awards are aimed at recognising achievement and innovation and raising design standards. They will be presented to the winners by Prince Philip on May 2.

Wilkinson Sword, the High Wycombe based company better known for its razor blades, won its award for two new hand shears with wishbone-shape nylon handles.

The design reduces fatigue and also takes the traditional 'clack' noises out of the shears, preventing jarring, says the citation.

Technical Blinds, of High Wycombe, claims to be the only company making mechanical blinds capable of working inside or outside buildings re*sponding to light changes.*

A design award is the latest in a long run of successes for March Engineering, of Bicester, Oxford, which produced the winner in last year's prestige *Indianapolis 500 car race* and 29 out of the 33 entries. The company started life in 1969 and now employs 110.

Microsurgical Administrative Services, of Luton, Beds., is in the winners list for the second year running, this time for a range of titanium instruments used in eye surgery.

Other winners are: Felton, Fluid Handling, of Melksham, Wilts; Oxford Medical Systems, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire; Vosper Marine, of Southampton; Redifusion, of Crawley, Sussex; Polydron (UK) Ltd, Bitterworth, Northants; Nickerson Turfmaster, Gainsborough, Lincs; NCR (Manufacturing), Dundee; Rolls-Royce, Derby; Xenron UK, Diss Norfolk; Fenner Group Fluid Power Division, Romford, Essex; Thorn EMI Lighting, Enfield, Middlesex; Vitalograph, Buckinghamshire; Chloride Automotive Batteries, Dagenham, Essex; Ford, Brentwood, Essex; GKN Sankey, Telford, Shropshire; Rista, Newcastle, Staffs; Scammell Motors, Watford, Herts; commended, Leyland Trucks, Leyland, Lancs.

POLICE WIN WITH FROGS

By ROBERT BEDLOW
Estates Correspondent

THE reintroduction of frogs, toads and common newts to an area at Fisher's Green, near Waltham Abbey, Essex, has won the Metropolitan Police Angling Society a conservation award.

Mr Jenkin, Environment Minister, presenting the 1984-85 *U.K. Conservation Award* organised by the Conservation Foundation and sponsored by Ford Motor Co., said: "Too often conservation is a battle between 'them and us.' The police have shown with their project how much they care."

Austria, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Spain and Britain entered projects in six categories including rural, *urban, heritage,* conservation engineering, young people's award and industry.

The overall winner was M. Christian Bouchardy, of France, for his work on preserving the *otter in the areas of Auvergne* and Limousin. He has studied the otter for 12 years and his research is being adapted in Britain.

SACK OVER OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

By Our Toronto Correspondent

A lorry driver has been fired from his government job in British Columbia because he refused to take an oath of allegiance to the Queen. Edward Press, 46, said he would "not take an oath to a foreigner or a member of a royal family."

He worked for the province as a temporary employee for four years but when taken on permanently was told to sign an oath that he "will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her heirs and successors according to law."

FAMILY FLEE FIRE

A father of nine led his pregnant wife and children aged between two and 22 to safety from their blazing home in Astral Grove, Hucknall, near Nottingham, yesterday. Mr Bob Fowkes, 54, a former miner, awoke as the fire flared in a bedroom in the early hours.

£2,021m FACELIFT FOR PUBS

By JOHN PETTY
Commercial Correspondent

BREWERS are to spend £2,021 million in the next three years to improve pubs to try to win back lost *trade, it was disclosed* yesterday.

This is a considerable rise on original plans but much will depend on whether Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, lets beer off lightly in his Budget or continues the policy of the last five years in increasing taxes by much more than the rate of inflation.

Mr Ewart Boddington, chairman of the Brewers' Society, said Excise Duty alone had increased on beer by 125 per cent. since 1978, up from 9·8p a pint to 25·5p. In the same period tax on spirits had risen by 48 per cent, and on table wine by 27 per cent.

30m pints a day

"There is no doubt that the Treasury *has treated* beer drinkers far more severely than either wine or spirit drinkers," he said. "This is grossly unfair, particularly for those on lower incomes, most of whom look to their pint in a pub or club for relaxation."

Beer sales last year were virtually unchanged at about 30 million pints a day. But the pit strike bit deeply in some areas, with one Barnsley pub down from 20 to two barrels a week. Lager's market share was up from 36 per cent. to 39 per cent.

FBI in 'Monday Night Massacre of Mafia bosses'

By IAN BALL in New York

THE bosses of New York's five leading "organised-crime families" have been arrested by federal agents in a crackdown already spoken of as the "Monday night Massacre."

They were charged with "criminal enterprise" concerning membership of "The Commission."

This is said to function like a board of directors in controlling organised crime across the United States.

Never before have the kingpins of all five Mafia families been rounded up by the FBI in a single swoop. Sources close to the investigation called the case "the most important ever."

'Bug' in a Jaguar

The accused, most of them seized along with under-bosses and a ragtag array of "bagmen" and "soldiers," are to face indictments based on a wealth of new evidence.

Most of it is said to have been picked up by a microphone behind the dashboard of a 1882 Jaguar saloon owned by a chauffeur, Salvatore Avellino, and used frequently by Antonio ("Tony Ducks") Corallo, head of the Luchese family.

For four months the "bug" broadcast to FBI cars what are said to be conversations about Mafia activities detailing a vast array of operations—murder, grand larceny, loan-sharking, mail fraud, and labour racketeering in the construction, garment, waste-removal and food-distribution industries.

There are hundreds of pages *of transcribed conversations.* Among those in custody yesterday were:

PAUL ("Big Paul") CASTELLANO, 69, brother-in-law of the late Carlo Gambino and boss of the Gambino family, the largest and most powerful in the country. He is reputed to be close to taking over as organised crime's "boss of bosses."

ANIELLO ("Mr O'Neill") DELLACROCE, 70, Castellano's under-boss, who complained of "chest pains" after arrest and was taken to hospital.

ANTONIO ("Fat Tony") SALERNO, 73, boss of the Genovese family.

ANTONIO ("Tony Ducks") CORALLO, 72, seized along with two other kingpins of the Luchese family—SALVATORE ("Tom Mix") SANTORA, 69, and CHRISTOPHER ("Christy Tick") FORMAN, 70.

CARMINE ("The Snake") PERSICO, 51, boss of the Colombo organisation, seized with his under-boss GEMMARO ("Jerry Lane") LANGELLA, 44, and RALPH SCOPO, 55.

PHILIP "Rusty Phil") RASTELLI, 67, head of the family founded by Joseph ("Joe Bananas") Bonanno, who is *in retirement in Arizona.*

Some experts believe the upshot of these arrests will be a dramatic weakening of the Mafia's grip on crime, especially when they are viewed in con*junction with recent* tough police action in Italy.

DEATH AT 110

By Our Rome Correspondent

Dimiana Sette, the "aunt" of Villagrinde, a tiny mountain village in Sardinia, has died aged 110.

NATO TEST OF CRISIS REACTIONS

By Maj.-Gen. Edward Fursdon
Defence Correspondent

THE eighth in Nato's Exercise Wintex series, conducted by members of the Alliance, started yesterday.

Played 24 hours a day until March 15, this command post-type exercise—there are no troops deployed on the ground—tests member nations' Governments in the procedures intended for their common defence during tension and crisis, especially of the kind possibly leading to a nuclear exchange.

Nato's Council of Permanent Representatives in Brussels, chaired by its secretary-general, Lord Carrington, will be in session throughout.

The aim is to put under strain not only the full chain of national and Nato military command and control but also the procedures for consultation with and decision-making by national Cabinets and individual Ministers.

Other departments

All the other departments of Governments involved in a national crisis and in a transition from peace to war will also be brought into the exercise to test their arrangements.

To make the exercise more valuable, it will be assumed the nations' measures to defuse a crisis fail, and staffs concerned will then face the developing "fact" of a war, with all its possible nuclear connotations.

In some countries officials and junior Ministers will be acting out the parts that would be played in real life by their superiors; in others, Ministers will be directly involved.

But the Prime Minister of each country will be kept in touch with the developing problems. The idea is to improve the procedures.

£1m STORM DAMAGE

This winter's Channel storms—the worst for 100 years along the Sussex coast — have caused damage of more than £1 million to property along the Hastings seafront, a report from the town's council revealed yesterday.

Former chief of BBC External Services dies

DOUGLAS MUGGERIDGE, who had to retire as managing director of B B C External Broadcasting last month because if ill-health, died yesterday at S Thomas's Hospital. He was 56.

Mr Muggeridge had not been able to resume his duties at Bush House, the headquarters of External Broadcasting, since *last June when he was first* taken ill.

The post, which he took up in 19871, was the one he had always coveted at the B B C and yesterday colleagues were gen*erous in their praise* of him.

Vigorous campaign

"Douglas worked and strove unstintingly for External Services, for their present strength and *future well-being,"* said Austen Kark, his successor. "He was particularly proud of Bush House's ability to react to international crises."

Alexander Milne, the B B C's director-general, said: "We are all deeply saddened."

Mr Muggeridge's belief in the value and standing of External Services was plainly demonstrated by his vigorous campaign against Government plans to scrap seven foreign language services in 1981, which was largely successful.

The characteristic enthusiasm with which he entered into his various appointments was well known to commuters during his years as Controller of Radio 1 and Radio 2, duties he took up in 1969.

Not by nature a Radio 1 fan, he was to be seen on the train from his Sussex home catching *up on the station's output* on his earphones.

Born in Harrogate, he was educated at Shrewsbury and the London School of Economics. His father and Malcolm Muggeridge were brothers. He listed music, fishing and book-collecting among his spare-time pursuits. He leaves a widow, Diana, and two daughters.

Other obituaries—P16.

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Base rate fears recede

ACCOUNT: February 25-March 8.
PAY-DAY: March 18.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 27,583.
RISES: 403. FALLS: 267.
UNCHANGED: 1,043.
EQUITY TURNOVER (February 25): Number of bargains 22,871; value £299·91 million. Shares traded: 176·7 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, February 26, 1965

	Index	Change	1954-85 High	Low
Indust. Ord.	975·0	+7·0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Govt. Secs.	79·29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gold Mines	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fixed Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·45	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Earn Yld p.c.	11·12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT-SE 100:	1259·5	+0·1	[illegible]	[illegible]

SINCE the recent rise in interest rates failed to achieve the desired effect of stabilising sterling, the feeling now is that there is little point in the authorities giving instructions for a further rise in base rates. It was this form of argument which was going the rounds in London stock markets yesterday and the receding fears of dearer money contributed to a rather brighter tone in the main investment sections.

Best prices were not fully maintained — this was particularly noticeable in the gilt-edged sector—but the tone in the industrial groups remained quite firm: the "30" index ended 7 higher at 975, after 975·7 (noon), while the "100" index closed 0·1 better at 1259·5, having touched 1266·2.

The market in government securities took a distinct turn for the better in early dealings and bear squeeze conditions were reported as quotations scored gains of up to £1½. However, the subsequent further sharp weakening of sterling made for renewed uncertainty and buyers withdrew to the sidelines.

In the event, the market drifted lower on a broad front before steadying at the close. There was little change on the printed lists, but prices were around £¼ better than those prevailing late on Monday.

Blue chips to meet renewed investment interest was Glaxo, £3/16 up at £11 15/16, G K N, 6 better at 210p, after 211p, Distillers, 6 higher at 286p, and Lucas Industries, 5 to the good at 261p, the last-named on news of the General Motors contract. Courtaulds were again wanted at 154p, while further consideration of Monday's figures left Vickers 6 up at 241p.

On the company news front, the results from Vantona Viyella exceeded best market expectations and the shares climbed 15 to a high of 327p. Dealers were also pleased with the interim report from Intereurope Technology, hence a rise of 15 to 445p in the company's market price.

There was a flurry of buying activity in the TAILPIECE favourite, Industrial Finance & Investment Corporation, which jumped 22 more to a peak of 230p. The shares have advanced from 98p since our mention last August as the group has followed its expansion plans; "Ifico," as it is known in the market, is currently engaged in a takeover offer for East of Scotland Onshore.

The announcement that Harrisons & Crosfield's offer will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission lifted Pauls by 10 to 350p, while elsewhere on the takeover scene, Haden gained 7 more to 315p as dealers continued to suggest that Trafalgar House will have to raise its offer to win control. Trafalgar themselves shaded to 355p.

Following Monday's rise of 6 to 57p, Times Veneer continued to attract market attention as the company announced that it had received *a bid approach, but that* any offer was likely to be below the then ruling price. The shares slipped to 32, but rallied to 36p before closing at 35p.

Bank shares attracted more attention ahead of the results season, due to start next Tuesday with the figures from National Westminster, 5 better at 655p, after 657p. The best performer was Midland Bank, which advanced 12 to 347p ahead of next Wednesday's results. Barclays (figures due on Thursday of next week), were 3 firmer at 615p.

Imperial Chemical Industries were somewhat quieter as dealers sat back to await tomorrow's results and the shares ended 5 easier at 874p, after 880p. After Monday's reaction on Budget worries, B A T Industries rebounded *to 350p before closing 7 up at 345p,* while Imperial Group were firmer at 196p, after 198p.

Vague takeover suggestions accompanied gains in T Cowie, at 46½p, Howard Machinery, at 12½p, Mitchell Somers, at 66p, and J H & B Jackson, at 77p, while long-time takeover favourite Birmid Qualcast ended 2½ better at 85p, after 87p. Demand developed for Powell Duffryn, 11 up at 385p, *and Ransome Sims & Jeffries*, 15 higher at 545p, the latter ahead of next Monday's results.

Dollar earnings considerations directed new interest to Jaguar, 5 better at 327p, Saatchi & Saatchi, 13 up at 878p, and Wedgwood, 6 better at 217p, but holiday price war worries hit Horizon Travel, 6 off at 135p, and Intasun, 5 lower at 103p, after 101p.

Following Monday's advance on the sale of the automotive business to B B A Group, Cape Industries slipped 5 to 41p. B B A, however, were 3 better at 63p. Amstrad rose to 84p on initial response to the interim results, but subsequently eased to close unchanged at 80p.

There was late support for Thorn E M I, 7 up at 441p, while other electrical issues on the move included Crystalate, 8 better at 195p, after 198p, B S R, 10 higher at 138p, and International Signal, 7 firmer at 270p.

Insurances were notable for sudden strength in General Accident, which advanced 17 to 525p ahead of next Wednesday's results. Elsewhere in composites, Royals gained 10 to 555p and Sun Alliance 15 to 418p, while broking house issues scored rises of about 15p in C E Heath, at 626p, Stewart Wrightson, at 577p, and Willis Faber, at 619p, all reflecting dollar earnings.

Hongkong issues were stronger on Far Eastern advices, with Jardine Matheson 8 to the good at 120p, Swire Pacific 6 better at 501p, and Hongkong Land 4½ higher at 60½p.

Call option demand influenced a better trend in Nottingham Manufacturing, which ended 6 higher at 226p. Ratners gained 4 to 51p on the Prestwich deal, but Sumrie Clothes were under pressure at 46p, a fall of 5p. M F I eased to 209p following Press comment about the effects of the bad weather on trading.

Crude price uncertainties continued to overshadow the oil share market and falls of 10p were seen in British Petroleum, at 545p, and "Shell" Transport, at 775p. Paris Basin drilling hopes again prompted support for Charterhall, 5 better at 55p, and Invent Energy, 15 higher at 715p.

A modest but nevertheless welcome improvement in bullion, finally $1·75 higher at $286·50, imparted a better tone to the gold share market and prices were responsive in the thin and sensitive dealing conditions. F S Geduld rose £1 to £18¼, President Brand £1⅛ to £20¼, and Kloof £1⅜ to £31½, while other bright spots included Harmony, at £11⅝, and Vaal Reefs, at £70.

Small sellers predominated in platinum issues where Impala dropped 60 to 725p, Lydenburg 37 to 495p, and Rustenburg 32 to 686p.

Tailpiece

INTERESTING developments are afoot which could boost investment interest in Group Lotus, the British sports car and engineering company. Apart from current negotiations with Chrysler on an engine design contract, which may lead to the American giant taking a stake in Group Lotus, the firm's development of a new car body material is attracting the attention of other major car manufacturers.

About 67 p.c. of the group's equity is jointly owned by British *Car Auctions* (25 p.c.), Toyota (17 p.c.), Midepsa (14 p.c.) and J C Bamford Investments (nearly 11 p.c.) and if Chrysler or another party decides to take action, a cash subscription could preclude what appears an urgent need for Group Lotus to raise money via a rights issue.

With new products coming on stream in a dollar earnings market, the shares although out of the dividend list, may be destined for a re-rating from their present 80p.

TOBACCOS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
385	175	BAT Inds.	348	+7
90	54½	Carroll Inds.	90	..
230	137	"Imps"	196*	+1
201	112	Rothmans	178	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price		
39	Barrow Heph (nil pd)	4½pm −1½
370	Bunzl (nil pd)	45 pm −5
365	DPCE (nil pd)	80 pm −5
80	Newm Tonks (nil pd)	8 pm −2
39	Renold (nil pd)	6½ pm ..
210	R. Bk. of Scot. (nil pd)	24 pm −5
33½	Sangers (nil pd)	5 pm −1
40	Southwest Res. (nil pd)	15 pm ..
435	[illegible]	115pm ..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
160	Access Satellite Intnl	210	+2
100	Alexandra W'kwr Pic	126	..
140	Alida Holdings	162	+2
10¼	Bennett Fountain	15½	−1
150	Berkley Tech.	152	−1
90	Blue Bird Toys	140	..
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)	119	−2
160	Candover	188	..
105	Cobsd. Tern. Inv.	98	..
115	Crayon Leap Knight Gp	175	..
—	Eurolnvst Bak (£8 pd)	198½	..
£97½	Exch. 11% 1990 (£20 pd)	£19⅛	..
100	German Small Units	104	+1
28	Healthcare Services	22	..
145	Hillsdown	175	+2
—	Inds. Scotland Enrg.	136	..
—	Johnson Mt 8% CPref	140	+2
—	Kinmer & Forster	54	..
—	Monument Oil	20	..
65	Opto netric (USA)	45	..
125	Osborne & Little	197	..
150	Pennar & Giles Intl.	168	..
—	Pleasurama 7% CPf	110	−1
92	Process Systems	81	+1
—	Racal 7% conv.	104½	+½
20	Rex Williams	26	..
—	Sangers 11%Conv.Ln	5	−1
68	Spafax TV	107	..
—	Spain La 5½% 2010 (£30pd)	£30⅛	+⅛
174	Sunaper	215	−5
88	Treas. 2½% I.L. 2013	£87½	..
95	Whitworth Food Gp.	116	−4

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·47	dollars
Austria	24·90	schillings
Belgium	71·75	francs
Canada	1·45½	dollars
Denmark	12·86	kroner
Finland	7·44	markkaa
France	10·87	francs
Germany	3·55	marks
Greece	*149·00	drachmae
Holland	4·03	guilders
Iceland	*48·00	kronur
Ireland	1·15½	punt
Israel	740·00	shekel
Italy	*2,235	lira
Japan	272	yen
Malta	*0·57½	pounds
New Zealand	2·32	dollars
Norway	10·20	kroner
Portugal	*191·00	escudos
South Africa	*2·32	rand
Spain	*196·00	pesetas
Sweden	10·02	kronor
Switzerland	2·99	francs
Turkey	*505·00	lira
United States	1·03½	dollars
Yugoslavia	*285·00	dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
*Subject to limit.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	102-29	103-19—102-26	3592	105-02—101-22
	June	103-23	104-10—103-21	321	106-19—101-23
US T-bond	Mar	69-24	70-08—69-21	2124	74-06—59-25
	June	68-23	69-08—68-26	16	72-16—68-23
3 month £	Mar	86-04	86-11—85-90	1612	90-64—86-04
	June	87-35	87-43—87-15	1309	90-13—87-35
3 month-Euro-dollar	Mar	90-54	90-58—90-51	1374	91-55—88-05
	June	89-74	89-82—89-71	4308	90-86—89-55
Sterling	Mar	1-0410	1-0510—1-0357	89	1-2770—1-0410
	June	1-0300	1-0420—1-0255	145	1-1438—1-0000
D-mark	Mar	0-2887	0-2890—0-2885	50	0-3457—0-2887
	June	0-2911	0-2918—0-2815	6	0-3089—0-2911
Swiss Franc	Mar	0-3420	0-3412—0-2442	4	0-4015—0-3420
	June	—	—	—	0-3888—0-3586
Yen	Mar	—	—	—	0-4109—0-3896
	June	0-3863	0-3855—0-3855	2	0-3863—0-3863
FT-SE 100	Mar	125-70	126-70—125-60	349	131-00—112-00
	Jun	126-05	126-45—125-90	53	131-00—120-40

Contracts specifications include:
Long-Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000
US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000.
3 month sterling eurodollars—£250,000/US$ 1 million with cash settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000; Dm 125,000 Swf. 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Apr.	July	Oct.	PUTS Apr.	July	Oct.
BP	550	25	36	45	40	43	50
BP	600	11	18	25	75	80	85
Comm. Union	180	10	13	16	16	19	21
Comm. Union	300	6	8	11	30	34	35
Cons. Gold	500	35	33	43	50	55	64
Cons. Gold	550	8	16	25	75	80	85
Courtaulds	140	18	22	25	4	7	9
Courtaulds	160	7	12	15	12	17	19
GEC	180	24	34	43	3	6	9
GEC	200	12	22	30	11	12	18
Grand Met.	280	22	28	37	9	14	18
Grand Met.	300	12	20	28	27	30	35
ICI	850	54	70	90	28	44	62
ICI	900	25	38	52	57	67	77
Land Securities	280	18	25	30	6	8	11
Land Securities	300	10	15	20	17	20	25
Marks&Spencer	120	18	23	27	5	5	7
Marks&Spencer	130	10	16	19	8	9	12
Shell	750	42	52	63	25	28	37
Shell	800	17	30	37	60	67	63
Traf. House	330	38	42	48	6	8	10
Traf. House	360	20	26	32	14	20	25

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS May	Aug.	Nov.	PUTS May	Aug.	Nov.
Exchequer 10pc 1988	£92	2 5/16	2 15/16	—	11/16	1 1/16	—
Exchequer 10pc 1989	£94	1 5/16	[illegible]	—	1¾	2 1/16	—
Barclays	600	36	47	62	22	27	32
Barclays	650	13	25	35	55	60	70
BAT Inds	330	35	46	52	11	20	28
BAT Inds	360	25	33	40	30	38	43
British Telecom	120	10	15	16½	7	10	11½
British Telecom	130	6	8½	11½	14½	17	18
Imperial Grp.	200	16	21	26	[illegible]	[illegible]	21
Imperial Grp.	220	6	10	14	23	32	35
LASMO	360	25	33	40	50	35	40
LASMO	390	12	19	25	60	55	60
Lonrho	160	13	16	19	6½	10	12
Lonrho	180	4½	8½	11	20	22	24
P & O	330	35	47	55	8	10	15
P & O	360	20	30	40	25	28	33
Racal	180	34	42	50	5	5	9
Racal	200	20	28	36	10	11½	16
R.T.Z.	600	55	70	—	15	23	—
R.T.Z.	650	27	37	47	42	50	65
Vaal Reef	$70	12½	15	17½	4½	6¼	7¼
Vaal Reef	$80	8	10	15	9	11½	13½

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Mar.	June	Sept.	PUTS Mar.	June	Sept.
Beecham	330	30	40	—	3	5	—
Beecham	360	12	25	33	15	20	28
Bass	600	15	32	42	17	52	35
Bass	560	3	12	22	58	64	72
BTR	600	47	60	72	7	17	22
BTR	650	20	52	40	32	38	47
De Beers	420c	30	55	73	22	42	55
De Beers	460c	15	35	63	55	65	78
GKN	300	13	22	28	6	11	14
GKN	323	4	12	18	17	23	27
Hanson Tst	200	12	19	25	7	15	18
Hanson Tst	230	4	10	17	19	22	26
Jaguar	300	34	41	36	7	10	13
Jaguar	330	14	25	31	16	21	24
Tesco	220	12	15	20	7	10	14
Tesco	240	4	9	12	19	23	26
FT-SE 100	1250	37	55	80	30	56	75
FT-SE 100	1300	16	35	56	60	65	105

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 7,041

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Britain £324m in surplus during January

By FRANCES WILLIAMS

BRITAIN last month turned in its best overseas trade performance for nearly a year, helped by a record surplus on oil deliveries and booming non-oil exports.

The deficit on trade in goods shrank to £76 million from £344 million in December.

After adding in an estimated £400 million surplus on invisible trade—including services and flows of interest and profits—the current account of the balance of payments showed a surplus of £324 million compared with £56 million in December.

These are the best figures since February 1984, before the start of the miners' strike. Independent economists believe that the strike may have cost the balance of payments between £2 billion and £2·5 billion over the past eleven months in extra imports of coal and oil.

But the January figures suggest that, helped by the miners drift back to work and mild weather for much of the winter, the electricity industry has managed to reduce these additional imports to a bare minimum. Oil imports fell by £100 million in the month while oil exports rose by £85 million to £1·6 billion, the highest ever.

The resulting record oil surplus of £928 million went most of the way towards offsetting the deficit on non-oil trade of £1,004 million.

Britain's non-oil trade is also looking more healthy, however, with exports last month close to December's record levels as industry has contiued to take advantage of the boost to competitiveness from sterling's decline.

On a three-month comparison, the volume of non-oil exports (excluding erratic items like ships and precious stones) has risen by 5 p.c. and is now around 14 p.c. above the levels of a year earlier, lifted by buoyant exports of manufactured goods.

On Monday the Confederation of British Industry said manufacturers' export order books were fatter than at any time since 1977, and economic forecasters, including the Treasury, expect a continued strong performance this year as world trade expands.

On the import side, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday that there were signs that the underlying level of non-oil imports had levelled out in recent months.

Import volumes, excluding erratics, have fallen by 5·5 p.c. in the past three months, though they remain 10 p.c. up on the year. This too may reflect the pound's decline which has made imports more expensive by comparison with home-produced goods.

Last November the Treasury predicted a current account surplus this year of £2·5 billion after bare balance — to be precise, a minute surplus of £79 million — in 1984. At the time this was towards the top end of most forecasters' expectations but yesterday's figures tend to reinforce the Treasury's relative optimism.

Reuters $57m U.S. purchase

REUTERS Holdings is to pay $57·5m for Rich of Chicago, in a deal which has been under negotiation for several months.

Rich designs communications systems for trading rooms in banks and other financial businesses and provides maintenance services after installation. It made profits of around $4m for the 15 months to end—December.

The consideration is being satisfied largely through the issue of 2·445m American Depositary Shares, each of which represents six "B" shares. About $2m will be cash.

Reuters beat its prospectus profits forecast of £70m before tax for 1984 with £74·3m ($55·2m). A final dividend of 1·5p on May 17 makes 2·5p, in line with the prospectus forecast.

Questor—P23

Gold improves

CALMER conditions eventually returned to the precious metals market yesterday and though gold was at one point down to $283 it closed up $1·75 at $286·50 an ounce.

The London spot silver recouped part of Monday's heavy loss and gained 21·60p to 535·25p an ounce, and the free market platinum price was $5·10 higher at $239·95 an ounce.

Aitken stake

LONDON & Manchester Assurance has again raised its stake in Aitken Hume. The group now owns 9·2 p.c.

Aitken Hume and Fleet Holdings have been engaged in protracted discussions which may lead to a full bid or a partial link-up.

Vantona at £21m

VANTONA Viyella's full year profits to Nov. 30 have expanded from £12m before tax to £21·1m. The latest figures include seven months of F. Miller (Textiles), acquired last year, while the corresponding figures include only nine months of Carrington Viyella.

Vantona points out however that since Carrington fell into the red in the remaining three months of that year a full consolidation in 1983-84 would only enhance the growth rate.

The final dividend is to be raised to 6p net, against a second interim last time of 5p. That takes the total up to 10p against 8p. The final is payable on July 1.

Questor—P23

Amstrad ahead

AMSTRAD, the home computer and audio equipment group, reports pre-tax profits of £9·53m for the six months ended December compared with £6·22m on a turnover up from £53·2m to £69·1m. Sales so far in the second half are very encouraging, the board says.

The interim dividend rises from 0·27p to 0·324p a share, payable April 26.

Questor—P23

Tokyo sprints

SHARE VALUES in Tokyo raced ahead in early dalings yesterday but the pace proved too hot and the Nikkei-Dow Jones market average, up to a peak of 12,241·14 in the morning, closed at 12,194·97 for a loss of 6·07 points.

Having achieved a record level on three consecutive trading sessions, dealers agreed that the market was ripe for some profit taking.

Insurance rules

NEW winding-up rules for insurance companies come into operation on March 1 and will bring into effect provisions in the Insurance Companies Act 1982 under which life business of a company has to be wound up separately and be carried out by the liquidator unless the court orders otherwise.

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): Feb. 288 (282). March 288·20 (283·10). April 290 (284·10). June 294·30 (288·40). Aug 298·80 (292·90). Oct. 303·50 (297·60). Dec. 308·70 (302·70). Feb. 313·90 (307·90). April 319·30 (313·30). June 325·10 (319·10). Aug. 331·30 (325·30). Oct. 337·30 (331·30). Dec. 344·10 (338·10). Est. sales: 38,000 contracts.

SILVER: Feb. 567·8 (553·5). March 568 (554). April 572 (558). May 576·1 (562). July 585 (570·7). Sept. 594·7 (580·5). Dec. 610·5 (596·4). Jan. 615·8 (601·8). March 626·5 (612·5). May 637·5 (623·5). July 649·4 (635·4). Sept. 661·7 (647·7). Dec. 681 (667). Est. sales: 38,000 contracts.

COPPER: Feb. 57·3 (57). March 57·3 (57·05). April 57·75 (57·55). May 58·2 (58). July 58·85 (58·65). Sept. 59·4 (59·85). Dec. 60·8 (60·1). Jan. 60·45 (60·4). March 60·95 (60·95). May 61·45 (61·5). July 61·95 (62·05). Sept. 62·45 (62·6). Dec. 63·15 (63·35). Est. sales: 17,000 contracts.

COCOA: March 2119 (2163). May 2166 (2195). July 2147 (2167). Sept. 2121 (2165). Dec. 2050 (2045). March 2020 (2038). May 2030 (2038). July 2020 (2038). Est. sales: 3,054 contracts.

CHICAGO (Wheat): March 347½ (345¾). May 337 (335). July 327¼ (326¾). Sept. 328¼ (327¼). Dec. 337¾ (337). Corn: March 263¾ (262). May 271¼ (270½). July 275 (274¼). Sept. 268½ (267½). Dec. 255½ (252½). March 272 (271). May 276¾ (274¾). Oats: March 174½ (172¼). May 168¾ (168). July 165¾ (165¼). Sept. 161¼ (160). Dec. 164½ (164). Soyabeans: March 564¾ (562¾). May 577½ (575¾). July 589¼ (587¾). Aug. 590½ (588¾). Sept. 588½ (586). Nov. 595¼ (593¾). Jan. 605 (601½). March 617½ (613½).

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	615·56	(+1·55)
"500"	664·54	(+0·03)
All-Share	607·91	(+1·02)

CITY COMMENT

Sterling's slide puts skids under March Budget

THE City seemed to have made up its collective mind that if nothing could be done to stop sterling from sliding below par with the dollar, there is no point in putting up interest rates again in a vain effort to stop the inevitable. Well before Mrs Thatcher said more or less the same thing yesterday afternoon, interest rates in the money market had started to ease and government stocks and shares alike had rallied even while sterling continued to slide.

There was a brief period when markets looked like losing their nerve again around 1 p.m. when the pound was racing down towards parity. 2 cents lower on the day at $1·0370, and the trade weighted average dipped to 70·0 for the first time. But the moment soon passed. Three-month money in the interbank market ended the day down almost $^{3}/_{16}$ p.c. at 14-14⅛ p.c. and government stocks, although not regaining morning levels, ended with scattered small gains on the day.

In fact the pressure on sterling from the dollar lifted dramatically late in the afternoon after reports of Paul Volcker's testimony to a congressional sub-committee in Washington began to come through. In no more than two minutes the dollar fell back by more than 3 pfennigs and the pound bounded back above $1·06, giving rise to brief rumours that central banks had intervened to push the dollar down.

The central banks, in practice, had little or nothing to do with it. The dollar rallied again before European markets closed, but ended at well below its best levels. Unfortunately sterling alone failed to regain Monday's closing levels, ending the day down ¼ cent at $1·0535, and the pound was sharply lower against continental currencies. While the dollar looked temporarily less attractive, currency traders still did not see sterling as a major beneficiary.

Mrs Thatcher's statement yesterday emphasising that the recent steep rise in interest rates was engineered to control the money supply and check inflation and not to support sterling, will therefore, do nothing to support the pound. And the Government cannot afford to let sterling fall too much further because the weak currency must eventually aggravate inflation. Her remarks, therefore, probably mean the Chancellor will have to produce a tight Budget and keep the public sector borrowing requirement to £7 billion, or below, for 1985-86.

Clausen's concept

LISTENING to the speech made at the Institute of Directors conference by A. W. "Tom" Clausen, president of the World Bank, it was difficult to believe that this international i nstitution should meet disapproval in the White House and hostility in the United States Senate. For the sentiments that Mr Clausen expressed were impeccably free-market; indeed many of his clients in the developing world, where the World Bank makes long-term loans, would have found the speech much too tough.

The World Bank president was tilting against a post-war consensus, shared by developing country governments, senior officials of aid organisations and civil servants of Western governments alike, that could only conceive of fostering growth in the third world by means of state activity. "The role of the private sector in development is probably the least discussed of all major development issues," said Mr Clausen.

But he went on to issue a challenge: "under certain circumstances, governments should consider travelling the denationalisation route." And Mr Clausen added that a number of developing countries may have something to learn from the British Government's experience of privatisation. In a third world context, however, there are practical as well as ideological difficulties. State-owned enterprises are often bankrupt; in addition over-regulation of financial markets may have inhibited the development of effective securities trading.

A second theme was the work of the International Finance Corporation, an affiliate of the World Bank that promotes and supports private enterprise in developing countries. It is more like a large merchant bank than an aid agency.

A major problem in attracting private capital to development projects is political risk. Here the World Bank has proposed the establishment of a multilateral investment guarantee agency that would give cover against non-commercial risks. Mr Clausen said that much of its business would arise from currency situations that kept foreign investors from repatriating profits. But it would also provide guarantees against the risks of political violence and expropriation.

VAT fears and fancies

THERE can be no vestigial doubt left in the Chancellor's mind by now that any attempt on his part in the Budget to extend the scope of V A T to now untaxed goods and services would be to step into a political minefield.

In any event, worries about inflation — and commitments by the Prime Minister not to tax food and housing — have made that option less attractive than it seemed a year ago.

Still, the fears remain that Mr Lawson has not abandoned hopes to make a decisive shift from income to spending taxes. One reason for the continuation of those fears is the nagging suspicion that leaning over the Chancellor's shoulder is the malevolent presence of the European Commission, demanding that Britain should bring its eccentric V A T system into line with its Common Market partners.

Britain is indeed unusual — with Ireland — in having extensive zero-rating, covering more than a third of all consumer spending. Elsewhere zero-rating is rare. But, as a report yesterday from the all-party Treasury Select Committee of M Ps makes clear, there is absolutely no need for Britain to change its V A T system unless the Government wants to for reasons of its own.

With the exception of certain business supplies, which the European Commission is challenging, there is no present pressure to abandon zero-rating, much though the commission may dislike it.

The select committee sees little merit in arguments that V A T harmonisation would facilitate trade within the community, pointing out — rightly — that there are far more important obstacles to tackle, like non-tariff barriers.

And they regard the commission's reasoned opinion objecting to zero-rating of some business supplies, which include fuel, newspaper advertisements, water, protective boots and helmets, and non-domestic construction, as pedantry springing from a desire for harmonisation for its own sake.

In short, "the zero rates currently applied work well and are clearly understood and well accepted," the M Ps conclude, adding for good measure that if the Chancellor were to contract the scope of zero-rating for "domestic reasons" E E C rules would not permit it to be expanded again.

The committee members, while disclaiming interest for the moment in the wider issue of the extension of V A T, leave little doubt where their sympathies lie.

Volcker in call to halt dollar's rise

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

THE DOLLAR continued on to knock the wind out of other currencies in New York yesterday strengthened by news that the United States is on a strong, inflation-free course.

As the pound lost ground and slipped to $1·0309 in early New York trading, Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker told Congress that he is extremely worried by the volatility and the upward march of the dollar.

On Wall Street, stocks were almost as volatile as the dollar. The Dow Jones industrial average weaved erratically for most of the day but most stocks gained ground.

A late afternoon burst pushed the index up eight points but an hour before the close the gain had been cut to five points at 1283·45.

The index finally closed 8·61 up at 1286·11.

Mr Volcker issued his strongest support yet for Central Bank intervention in foreign markets to control the dollar's rise and suggested that recent exchange market intervention may not have been strong enough.

"I can't say that there has been any dramatic success," Mr Volcker said. "I think there is a question of whether actions have been forceful enough, including intervention."

The Federal Reserve chairman added that Central Bank intervention "ought to be in our armoury" but that it must also complement more basic policy action; Mr Volcker, however, did not outline what other policy actions he considered necessary to stop the dollar.

Meanwhile, on the inflation front, the Federal Reserve has little to worry about, a government report yesterday showed.

The Labour Department reported that consumer prices, the main inflation gauge, rose a scant 0·2 p.c. in January or at a 2·3 p.c. annual rate. The latest rise compares with a 0·3 p.c. rise in the index in December.

The decrease in January's inflation rate means that for the last year, America's consumer prices rose 3·6 p.c.

But while inflation crept lower in January, there was a surprising surge in durable goods orders, an indication that the economy is continuing to rebound from its torpid pace of last fall.

The Commerce Department reported that durable goods orders, propelled by new orders in the defence industry and consumer durables sectors, surged 3·4 p.c. in January. The rise followed a decline of 1·9 p.c. in December.

The pound in New York closed at $1·0530 against $1·0557.

Dunlop cleared by Panel

THE CITY Panel on Take-overs and Mergers yesterday cleared Dunlop and chairman Sir Michael Edwardes of unnecessarily witholding up-to-date trading information and its plans for a new financial reconstruction package.

The announcement follows a complaint from BTR and its advisers who felt the Dunlop board had been dragging its heels. BTR's bid has been running since the beginning of February but has met with no success since Dunlop shares at 43p yesterday are trading at double B T R's offer waiting fresh news from the company.

The panel, in rejecting B T R's complaints, says Dunlop is fully aware of its obligations to provide the relevant information. The group is using its "best efforts to publish as soon as possible information concerning 1984 together with revised reconstruction proposals and information about its current financial position and prospects."

Dunlop will try to get this out by March 11. That compares with B T R's extended and unchanged offer closing date of March 7 when the offer will presumably be extended yet again.

The panel says it will extend B T R's total offer period if Dunlop fails to come up with the information by March 11.

BTR yesterday grudgingly accepted the panel's verdict. A spokesman said "BTR along with no doubt all other Dunlop shareholders awaits further comprehensive information from Dunlop with great interest."

Predictably Dunlop welcomed the decision and took the opportunity to make another lengthy attack on BTR's offer.

Pao increases offer for Wheelock Marden

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

SIR Y K PAO has returned again with a higher bid for Hongkong shipping and property group Wheelock Marden which some analysts think could win the day. The shipowner is now offering Hk$2·5 billion (about £300 million) with a bid of $7·40 for the "A" shares and 74 cents for the "B" shares.

The bidding was started at $1·9 billion by wealthy Malaysian businessman Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat who may now be tempted to walk away with a sizeable profit from the 24·4 p.c. of Wheelock Marden's voting rights which he has built up over the last few weeks.

Sir Y. K. Pao has pushed his holding in Wheelock Marden to 38 p.c., paying a top price of $7·40 for the "A" in further market purchases which triggered his new general offer. He has also bid for a Wheelock associate company, Allied Investors, which controls a further 6·8 p.c. of its parent company's votes.

The once-British trading company is closely associated with Hongkong's trading origins and now has major shipping, property and retail interests in Hongkong.

On the stock markets the Hang Seng index rose almost 14 points to 1,402·86 with rumours of a bid for Jardine Matheson from Anglo American Corporation refusing to die down. Today financial secretary Sir John Bremridge presents this year's budget when he is expected to concentrate on indirect taxes for any revenue-raising exercise rather than direct income tax and corporate taxes.

Halifax calls for higher savings limit

BRITAIN'S biggest building society, the Halifax, yesterday lent its voice to demands to end the Government-imposed £30,000 a head investor limit.

The Halifax view, outlined in its latest magazine for savers, came as representatives from the Building Societies Association attended a meeting at the Inland Revenue to discuss the limit.

The Government is expected to announce next week that the limit will be substituted by a new investor ceiling which is a proportion of a society's assets.

ICI in £25m U.S. seeds buy

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries which is due to announce its full year results tomorrow, yesterday took its acquisitions programme a stage further by adding seed breeding to its agricultural business.

The company is believed to be paying between £25 million-£35 million for a substantial minority stake in Garst Seed, an Iowa, based company and the third biggest of its kind in the United States.

Agreements has been reached in principle for a deal which I C I believes will provide the vehicle for combining its extensive bioscience operations with the seed skills of Garst to produce new crops.

"It will give I C I a substantial position in the largest and most profitable sector of the seed industry in the United States," said Ronnie Hampel, principal executive in I C I's International Agrochemicals business.

The family-owner Garst business has about 300 employees.

P&O holders snap up offer

PENINSULAR and Oriental Steam Navigation shares yesterday added 3p to 355p as most of the conditions concerning the Sterling Guarantee Trust bid have now been met.

The related offer to sell Sterling's 20 p.c. P & O share stake, made to P & O's own shareholders, has also gone down well. Some 28·5 million shares were available on a one-for-four basis at a cut price rate of 300p each.

Because shareholders could opt for more than their basic entitlement applications for 54·8 million shares were actually received.

Those who asked to buy more will be allotted at least a further 100 shares. Above that level they will get 65 p.c. on their applications subject to a limit on applications drawn at twice a shareholder's actual entitlement.

P & O now has 87 p.c. of Sterling Guarantee and the offer remains open. Dealing in the new shares is expected to start tomorrow.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Gen)	200·20	− 3·30
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	1,136·38	+14·02
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,164·40	− 8·60
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,402·86	+13·70
NEW YORK Dow Jones	1286·11	+ 8·61
PARIS (CAC General)	204·20	− 1·60
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	778·40	− 5·60
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,194·97	− 6·07
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	334·80	− 2·70

Leap of 40pc in leasing business

BUSINESS done by Britain's leasing industry last year leapt by nearly 40 p.c. to just over £4 billion following changes in the Budget to the system of capital allowances.

Instead of enabling a 100 p.c. writing-down in the first year the Budget changed the allowance to 75 p.c. for this tax year with a reduction to 50 p.c. in 1985-86. After that the system settles down at 25 p.c. per annum.

Oil market gloom deepens

NORTH Sea oil prices lost more ground in more active spot market trading yesterday as the strength of the dollar, the milder spell and increasing supplies of oil added to the pessimistic tone.

Brent oil eased to $28·40 a barrel for prompt delivery, down a further 10 cents, while quotations for April shipments dropped 20 cents to $26·40 to show a $2·25 discount on the official price.

The main source of the increased oil supply is Iran, according to traders. Product prices also weakened with gas oil and heavy fuel oil losing $4 a tonne.

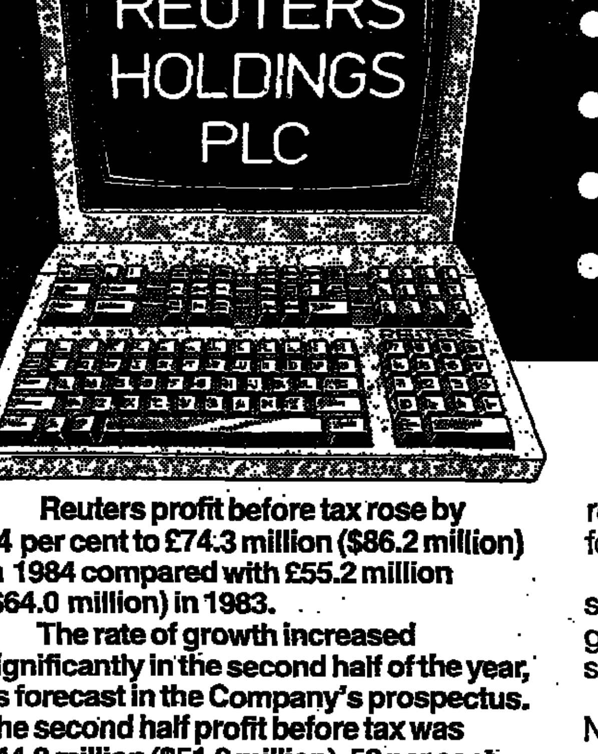
Another North Sea oilfield has started production, Texaco announced yesterday, while Occidental said repairs to a crack in the production platform in the Claymore field had been completed.

The latest field, Highlander, in block 15/16, is only eight miles from Texaco's Tartan field. Output from the first well is running at 14,000 barrels a day.

Prestel link for home shopping

THE Littlewoods Organisation is launching a home shopping service in April using British Telecom's Prestel. Between 250 and 300 electrical and electronic goods will be on offer at prices to match the discount stores.

The service is seen as a logical extension of its mail order business. There are only 25,000 home users of Prestel, but Littlewoods believes it is important to be in at an early stage on the uses of new technology.



• CONTINUED GROWTH
• MORE NEW PRODUCTS
• INCREASED REVENUE
• IMPROVED MARGINS
• HIGHER NET PROFITS

Reuters profit before tax rose by 34 per cent to £74.3 million ($86.2 million) in 1984 compared with £55.2 million ($64.0 million) in 1983.

The rate of growth increased significantly in the second half of the year, as forecast in the Company's prospectus. The second half profit before tax was £44.2 million ($51.2 million), 52 per cent more than in the same period of 1983.

Profit after tax was 35 per cent higher at £42.2 million ($49.0 million) compared with £31.3 million ($36.3 million). Earnings per "B" (Limited Voting) share were 10.9 pence compared with 8.5 pence in 1983. Earnings per American Depository Share (each representing 6 "B" shares) were 75.9 cents compared with 59.2 cents in 1983.

The Board has recommended a final dividend of 1.5 pence per "B" share (10.4 cents per ADS) to bring the total for the year to 2.5 pence (17.4 cents per ADS). The final dividend will be paid on 17 May to shareholders on the register on 19 April.

Total revenue for 1984 was £313.0 million ($363.1 million), 29 per cent up on 1983. For the third year in succession, revenue growth was achieved with virtually no help from price increases. The ratio of pre-tax profit to revenue was 23.7 per cent in 1984 compared with the 22.8 per cent of 1983.

Glen Renfrew, Managing Director, reports: "Despite depressed oil markets and the international debt crisis, we recorded excellent sales in the international money sector, which remains the most important for our business. The Reuter Monitor Money Dealing Service increased its share of revenue to about six per cent from nearly four per cent in 1983.

"A number of new products and services were launched. They included graphical displays of Reuter data and services of historical data and news.

"A phase of investment for the future in North America which generated increased costs and had a restraining effect on the overall trend of profits was largely completed by the end of 1984."

Full year results to 31 December 1984
(Unaudited)

	Year to Dec '84 £m	Year to Dec '84 $m	Year to Dec '83 £m	Year to Dec '83 $m	difference %
REVENUE	313.0	363.1	242.6	281.4	+29
PRE-TAX PROFIT	74.3	86.2	55.2	64.0	+34
TAXATION	32.1	37.2	23.9	27.7	+34
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	42.6	49.4	11.6	13.4	+268
DIVIDEND	9.9	11.5	7.7	8.9	+28
EARNINGS PER SHARE	10.9p	—	8.5p	—	+28

NOTE. The above financial information has been prepared in accordance with UK GAAP. The US dollar equivalents for both years have been translated at the noon buying rate at 31 December 1984 which was US$1.16 to £1. Full audited group accounts of Reuters for the year ended 31 December 1984 will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the AGM on 10 May 1985.

"We expanded our global reporting network in 1984, opening another 10 international bureaux and bringing to 30 the total number opened since early in 1982. During the year we acquired the international news picture business of United Press International (UPI) outside the United States and, on 1 January, we launched Reuters own world service of news pictures."

REUTERS
Reuters Holdings PLC, 85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ. Tel: 01-250 1122

UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
1-3 St. Paul's Churchyard, London EC4. 01-236 1833.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
198.7	97.5	Amer Grth	119.7	127.6
116.9	87.3	General	[illegible]	[illegible]
76.0	56.8	High Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
256.5	118.9	Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]
15.0	7.0	U.S. Emerg.	[illegible]	[illegible]
126.6	104.3	U.K. Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]
159.0	147.4	World Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]

AITKEN HUME FUNDS (MNGMT) LTD.
30 City Road, London EC1Y 2AY. 01-628 6626.

151.1	117.7	Secure Income Fund	138.4	145.9
72.7	52.5	Japanese Tech Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
171.3	112.3	American Tech Fund	165.3	174.2
52.4	37.3	Small Co's Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
166.0	125.2	Pacific Fund	141.1	151.4
467.0	353.3	Exempt Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
183.4	146.4	Special Sits. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
95.0	85.3	Bal'ced Inc. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
69.6	49.5	Am. Master Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
630.0	520.0	Trust Inc. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

ALLIED UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Allied Hambro House, Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 211459 & 228123.

171.1	153.0	Fixed Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
111.6	104.1	Growth & Inc'm Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
206.7	192.9	Capital Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
296.1	256.0	Balanced Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
449.5	416.5	Accumulator Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
95.6	90.0	American Inc. Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
193.5	178.5	High Income Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
105.7	97.3	Equity Income Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
123.4	117.1	High Yield Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
79.7	70.3	Govern't Sec. Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]
73.8	67.4	International Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
76.8	69.8	Japan Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
141.9	115.6	Pacific Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
72.0	56.7	Cum's Spec. Sits. Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]
217.0	176.5	Secs. of America	[illegible]	[illegible]
171.5	159.8	Asset Value Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
15.7	11.2	Gilt Growth Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
193.8	87.8	Smaller Co's Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
131.0	123.4	Secs. Smaller Co's Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]
59.5	54.1	Recovery Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
118.1	85.3	Metal Mkt. Inst. Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
161.8	119.9	Overseas Earnings Tst.	[illegible]	[illegible]
101.6	74.8	Technology Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]

ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.

131.0	106.9	Anderson Grth Unit T	125.1	131.0
28.2	20.1	Anderson Inc. Unit T.	26.0	27.6

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY. 01-638 5276.

56.6	41.8	Capital Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]
108.1	84.0	Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]
178.8	139.0	Commodity Special	[illegible]	[illegible]
65.4	46.5	Com 10% Withdrawal	[illegible]	[illegible]
78.1	62.9	Extra Inc. Withdrawal	[illegible]	[illegible]
69.5	65.9	Equity Inc. Withdrawal	[illegible]	[illegible]
46.5	34.6	Finance & Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
72.2	54.7	Foreign Grth.	[illegible]	[illegible]
49.2	43.5	Gilt & Fixed	[illegible]	[illegible]
77.5	64.3	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
60.1	47.8	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]
131.4	103.7	High Income Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
77.6	57.7	Which Inc. & Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]
67.8	51.5	High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]
159.1	122.1	High Yield Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
696.0	650.0	Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]
99.9	80.9	North American	[illegible]	[illegible]
26.7	21.7	Preference	[illegible]	[illegible]
75.4	67.3	Preference Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
97.5	72.6	Smaller Companies	[illegible]	[illegible]
57.9	76.2	Smaller Co's Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
11.8	8.8	World Penny Share	[illegible]	[illegible]

Portfolio Trust

61.9	47.3	U.K.	[illegible]	[illegible]
65.4	44.5	Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]
75.5	50.0	U.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
69.3	47.7	Europe	[illegible]	[illegible]

ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.
46 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL. 01-638 1711.

73.0	50.0	Atlanta Am Spec Fnd	60.6	73.0
62.1	43.8	Atlanta Japan Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]
59.3	43.6	Atlanta Sup. Far East	[illegible]	[illegible]

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh. 031 225 2581.

106.2	96.4	Japan	100.1	106.4
142.1	97.5	America	[illegible]	[illegible]
216.2	100.0	Technology	[illegible]	[illegible]
122.6	97.0	Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]
156.8	100.0	Income Grth.	[illegible]	[illegible]

BARING BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED
8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE. 01-283 8833.

222.6	210.1	Strat. Sm. Co's Ex Fd	213.7	222.6
243.0	166.2	Stratton Trust	172.5	*191.1
120.4	105.9	Stratton Earn. Fd.	115.2	120.4

BRIDGE FUND MNGRS (A) (C)
Regis House, King William St, E.C.4 01-623 4253.

61.8	50.0	American Gen. Inc.	75.5	84.8
65.3	50.1	America Gen. Acc.	75.9	85.5
115.3	84.0	Income Fund	103.4	112.0
111.2	85.4	Capital Inc.	102.7	110.5
151.7	109.4	Capital Acc.	140.2	150.7
257.0	200.0	Exempt	253.0	271.0
42.2	34.3	Intnl. Recovery Inc	38.7	41.7
55.2	44.6	Intnl. Recovery Acc	50.5	54.6

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED.
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588-2777. Dealing 0-638-0478/0479.

80.2	60.2	Recovery	74.9	*79.9
116.0	81.0	Smaller Companies	[illegible]	[illegible]
81.5	61.9	Special Mkt. Sits.	74.0	78.9
10.1	10.0	European Sm. Co's	9.4	10.0
52.8	45.4	Extra Income	48.1	51.5
28.6	25.6	Gilt	25.0	26.5
101.0	85.1	Income & Growth	102.4	107.7
155.5	117.0	International	148.2	151.9
19.9	17.8	Preference Shares	15.7	*27.8
176.5	124.8	Commodity Shares	151.2	161.3
38.9	29.5	Financial Securities	35.3	37.8
31.3	21.2	Gold & General	19.9	21.5
13.8	9.9	Intnl. Leisure Mkt.	13.0	13.9
41.5	32.9	Property Shares	38.3	40.9
83.8	65.2	Universal Energy	61.5	63.6
206.7	192.9	World Technology	197.1	211.1
102.1	65.2	American Growth	95.7	102.1
26.1	19.6	American Smaller Co	26.5	25.1
97.7	61.7	American Special Sits	92.2	96.7
28.4	19.5	Hong Kong Part.	26.1	*28.4
31.7	20.0	Intnl. Growth	29.7	31.7
45.6	31.1	Japan Performance	42.7	*45.5
13.5	10.7	Japan Smaller Co's	12.7	13.9
37.6	26.0	U.K. Growth	31.0	33.1
58.4	41.0	U.K. Smaller Co's	57.0	61.1
88.4	61.5	Australian Growth	74.3	79.3
61.5	42.0	Dynamic	57.0	59.7
49.5	32.2	Exempt Mkt Leaders	64.5	67.5
47.8	33.3	Far East	43.5	45.6
63.3	48.0	Growth Gilt	50.7	*51.5

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
0-17 Pernymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144

52.0	42.5	Brown Shipley Fund	47.0	*51.4
65.4	44.5	Income	76.6	83.5
192.1	96.3	Financial	93.5	*100.0
177.8	125.9	Growth Acc.	161.4	173.5
116.8	88.0	Growth Inc.	106.0	114.0
52.0	37.9	High Inc.	47.6	51.2
58.0	44.0	Japan Fund	53.6	57.6
61.1	44.4	Japan American	54.5	59.6
58.1	43.9	Unit Trust	50.0	53.7
28.6	23.7	Recovery	26.2	28.2
170.1	137.7	Technology Fund	158.2	170.1

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT. 01-588-2868.

128.4	96.3	Buckmaster Intnl Fd	125.2	128.4
80.5	65.4	Buckmaster Inc. Fd.	75.8	77.7
172.2	139.9	Buckmaster Gen. Fd.	162.7	170.3
141.0	103.2	Buckmaster Gro. Fd	110.1	110.1

CANADA LIFE

84.5	72.3	Can. Life Gen. Dist.	80.0	*82.7
145.5	109.4	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	134.3	141.4
64.5	52.3	Can. Life Inc. Dist.	60.7	63.9

CANNON ASSURANCE LTD.
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx. HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876.

225.9	198.6	Income	200.1	*225.4
145.1	106.7	Far East	135.7	145.1
144.1	91.0	North American	135.5	145.1
228.2	174.6	Growth	208.4	*221.7

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London - EC2M 4TP 01-283 1963.

21.6	20.3	Gilt & Fix. Tn.	19.4	20.6
47.0	36.3	High Income	40.4	43.0
42.4	32.1	Inc. & Grth.	40.0	*40.8
30.3	27.2	Special	25.3	27.7
63.6	53.2	International	55.0	59.6
38.4	29.6	Global	35.8	38.4
51.4	39.8	American	50.0	*54.1
27.4	19.9	Australian	19.0	*20.3
		Japan	74.2	79.3

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH. (0272) 277719.

32.1	25.0	General Equity	27.4	29.2
32.3	26.0	Equity High Inc.	27.3	29.7
25.6	21.3	Gilt & Fixed Int Grth	23.2	25.0
25.5	24.4	Indexed Secs.	23.7	25.3

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT

173.7	125.6	Growth Fund	161.0	169.4

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD

256.2	179.2	Capital Trust	212.3	225.6
64.0	49.5	Energy	53.3	*56.9
143.2	104.7	Extra Income	122.0	129.7
128.3	78.6	Financial Trust	95.3	*102.4
52.4	49.5	Gilt Strategy	50.9	51.9
258.7	177.4	Growth Investment Tst.	216.1	229.8
107.1	83.1	Income Trust	98.6	105.9
62.1	49.2	Japanese & Pac. Grth	58.6	61.1
106.2	78.2	North Am. Grth Trst	98.0	104.2
105.5	76.8	Recovery Trust	93.2	*105.5
151.3	119.7	Portfolio Invest. Fd. I	147.2	145.2
151.0	111.5	Smaller Companies	111.0	*150.0

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown Life House, Woking GU21 1XW (04862) 24933

172.2	143.8	Crown High Inc. Tst	164.3	173.7
179.6	151.7	Crown Growth Trust	161.4	*172.6
125.8	87.9	Crown American Tst.	117.6	125.8

ECU UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
4 Melville Cres., Edinburgh EH3 7JB 031-226 3492 (Dealers).

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126.8	81.5	South & Inc Fd	100.1	107.1
197.2	134.8	Inc Fd	184.3	197.2
117.7	91.7	Income Fd	119.6	127.7
53.6	40.7	Amer. Grth. Fd.	52.1	55.8
69.2	52.7	Capital Fd.	62.1	66.4
57.2	45.9	High Inc. Fd	52.1	55.7
29.9	21.7	Inc. Fd	27.8	29.6
27.6	21.1	Smaller Cos. Fd	26.5	28.4

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
55 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. 061-236 5685.

286.5	223.0	Equitable Pelican	278.6	297.0
58.9	50.7	Far Eastern	55.3	58.9
50.2	48.5	Gilt & Fixed Int	49.5	49.5
56.0	50.0	High Income	51.0	55.1
62.7	50.0	North American	59.0	60.7
56.7	50.0	Special Sit	51.7	55.1
58.6	50.0	Trust of Inv. Tst	56.0	58.6

EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Rd, High Wycombe. 0494 [illegible]

[illegible]	95.6	UK Growth Tst Acc.	113.1	118.5
[illegible]	98.4	UK Growth Tst Inc	151.1	157.5
173.5	112.9	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	152.9	171.1
149.8	120.5	Higher Inc. Tst. Inc.	136.0	146.6
22.9	7.4	Gilts Equity Inc Inc.	9.6	10.4
16.4	7.4	Gilts Equity Inc Acc.	9.6	10.4
56.7	53.9	North Am Tst Acc	54.6	59.5
51.5	48.3	Far East Tst Acc.	45.5	51.2
51.5	48.3	Europe Tst Acc.	46.4	51.9
253.1	152.8	General Tst	191.0	203.1

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DY 0732 364222

104.5	69.3	American Trust	99.3	104.6
50.0	36.0	Amer. Equity Income Tst	45.7	*50.0
62.9	51.0	Far East Inc. Tst	59.6	64.9
62.9	49.6	Far East Gen. Tst	59.7	62.8
66.9	49.9	Far Eastern Inc Fd	61.6	65.9

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ. 01-628 5181.

219.0	151.1	American Gen. Fd.	201.8	214.6
55.0	50.0	American Smlr Fd Inc	203.8	216.0
59.0	51.0	American Smlr Fd Acc	211.2	211.2
72.1	63.0	American Turnaround Fd	62.8	315.6
154.0	115.0	Capital Inc.	135.6	154.6
169.0	118.0	Capital Tst Acc.	149.8	159.0
72.0	52.0	Gilt & Fixed Int	72.0	73.6
52.0	50.0	Gen. Tech. Tst	52.0	55.2
92.4	70.0	Gen. Tech. Tst Acc	92.4	98.2
120.0	100.0	Extra Inc Inc	120.0	127.8
120.0	100.0	Extra Inc Acc	120.0	127.8
105.7	77.1	Income Tst	84.0	89.0
113.4	85.0	Income Tst Acc	84.0	89.0
206.2	150.0	Commodity Gen. Inc	152.7	*205.3
265.0	215.7	Commodity Gen Acc	246.3	261.1
355.1	262.1	Compound Growth	308.2	326.7
381.7	309.0	Cmy Growth	266.6	*278.4
157.3	120.6	Cmy. Income	141.3	*149.8
303.1	221.7	Dividend Inc.	280.2	296.8
841.7	590.4	Dividend Acc.	716.1	758.9
117.5	87.9	Euro & Gen Inc	109.2	115.8
138.9	103.5	Euro & Gen Acc.	128.1	135.8
171.2	131.1	Extra Yield Inc.	159.2	168.8
244.0	250.9	Extra Yield Acc.	229.9	243.8
174.2	127.3	Far East & Gen Inc.	164.3	*174.2
209.3	150.9	Far East & Gen Acc.	197.4	209.2
207.9	151.6	Fd of Inv Tst Inc	191.1	202.6
309.0	227.8	Fd of Inv Tst Acc.	290.7	308.2
475.3	357.4	General Inc.	445.3	*471.9
960.4	712.6	General Acc.	689.2	936.2
61.1	55.7	Gilt & Fixed Inc	55.8	*56.5
82.2	73.1	Gilt & Fixed Int Acc	74.7	78.4
40.4	32.7	Gold & Gen Inc.	37.3	40.4
60.9	42.9	Gold & Gen Acc.	41.5	44.0
243.1	177.2	High Income Inc.	216.2	229.2
590.0	427.6	High Income Acc.	548.7	581.6
663.4	517.9	Int. Growth Inc.	590.8	626.2
110.5	980.4	Int. Growth Acc.	980.8	1040.0
536.0	361.4	Japan & Gen Inc.	507.5	538.0
574.0	385.6	Japan & Gen Acc.	541.5	574.0
71.2	47.8	Japan Smlr Co's Inc.	67.2	71.2
85.4	57.3	Japan Smlr Co's Acc.	67.3	71.3
389.1	268.6	Midland Inc. Inc.	371.0	393.2
943.8	651.6	Midland & Gen Acc.	860.6	*915.4
341.6	183.4	Recovery Inc.	254.5	270.0
302.0	222.6	Recovery Acc.	260.7	287.5
252.4	178.5	Second Gen Inc.	230.0	243.8
110.19	800.4	Second Gen Acc.	952.5	1010.0
529.1	353.3	Smaller Co's Inc.	495.7	*525.4
802.7	623.2	Smaller Co's Acc.	756.4	801.8
340.8	274.2	Tyndale Inc.	318.1	337.2
350.0	238.0	Tyndale Acc.	362.9	384.7
286.7	226.5	Tariflink Inc.	284.6	*287.5
708.1	493.3	Tariflink Acc.	682.8	689.7
119.6	101.5	Charlbond Inc.	—	*102.7
119.6	101.5	Charlbond Acc.	—	*102.7
53.5	30.4	N.A.A.F.I. Inc.	—	*32.4
341.9	296.5	N.A.A.F.I. Acc.	—	339.1
357.6	274.9	Pension Exempt	339.3	353.5

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, EC4 R0BA. 01-623 4680.

81.8	67.8	Far American Fd	76.1	81.4
80.0	63.0	Capital Fd	96.8	103.6
57.9	41.7	Far East Fd	49.7	53.7
54.7	50.0	Fixed Int Fd	53.0	53.9
61.6	51.0	Gen. Income Fd	56.9	64.9
57.2	45.9	Nat Res Fd	53.7	62.8
66.9	49.9	Fd Overseas Inc Fd	61.6	65.9

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD

61.9	50.0	Growth & Inc Fd	100.1	107.1
133.6	93.8	Inc Fd	124.3	*97.2
62.3	54.1	Capital Fd	59.8	63.9
150.9	98.7	Fixed Int Fd	139.7	149.7
103.4	70.3	International	93.7	103.4
135.0	91.3	North American	125.2	135.0
149.8	102.3	Special Situations	140.4	139.3
141.4	107.5	Technology	135.3	141.4

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51-69 Hurd Hill Road IG1 2DJ. 01-478 5377.

140.3	127.0	Prudential Inc Fund	131.1	137.2
154.9	134.6	Hudson Gilt Trust	143.4	159.5

QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD
Garrard House, Gresham St, London, EC2V 7LH. 01-600 4177.

195.7	151.6	Quadrant General	173.6	184.1
345.7	256.5	Quadrant Income	331.1	341.7
361.8	253.0	Quadrant Interna	345.1	351.6
209.6	151.0	Quadrant Recovery	199.1	208.6

REED STENHOUSE INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
145 Borough High St, London SE1 1NE Tel: 01-628 6011. Telex 291951.

101-85, 99-6 Wellington Lonz. Fd 92-45, 131-45

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
139 5 107-6 British Life 129-4 136-8

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456

329.3	221.2	N.A. America Inc.	285.4	279.3
230.0	1235.0	N.A. America Acc.	281.9	296.1
200.0	158.9	N.A. Emerg Econ. Tst	190.0	200.0
145.6	241.9	N.A. Income Fund	315.8	330.3
145.5	98.5	N.A. Gap Fd	138.1	145.3
115.8	93.3	N.A. Smaller Co's	106.4	112.0
107.4	100.0	N.A. Smaller Emrg's	102.0	107.3

ROWAN UNIT TST MNGT LTD.
1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 01-600 1066.

211.5	169.5	American Fd.	205.0	209.0
566.6	435.0	Spec. Fd	516.0	*531.6
79.5	212.0	Merlin Fd	251.5	*255.5
130.0	96.5	High Yield Fd	119.5	125.0
129.5	112.5	High Inf Fd	116.0	121.0
150.0	136.5	Fixed Int Fd	145.0	145.0
149.5	105.5	Far East Fd	146.0	149.5

ROYAL LIFE ID MNGT LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051-227 4422.

50.0	37.1	Equity Tst	46.0	49.9
68.5	51.7	Int Tst	53.3	*56.3
37.5	28.4	Gilt Tst	33.0	35.4
32.9	24.9	Prop. Tst	31.0	32.9
39.1	25.9	Pac Basin Tst	37.4	39.1

THE ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal London House, Colchester, CO1 1RA. (0206) 579115.

148.7	110.9	Jap Acc Tst	132.5	135.7
87.8	60.3	American Growth	77.9	*85.8
48.4	46.9	Gilt Inc	46.6	51.2
58.0	36.5	Hi Yield	51.1	55.4
68.2	49.7	Inc & Growth	61.8	65.9
77.9	52.9	Special Sits	72.4	77.9

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Hexagon House, 28 Windsor Road, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708-66966.

69.9	49.9	American Incentivity	65.4	69.9
96.4	69.5	Capital Units	89.2	95.4
62.4	48.6	Commodity Share	56.8	60.4
61.1	49.0	Energy Inc.	55.6	*59.1
49.6	39.6	Euro Growth	46.7	50.3
72.0	52.7	Exempt Acc	64.8	69.0
58.5	52.1	Gilt & Fd Inc	51.3	54.1
136.2	102.5	High Return	125.4	*135.3
171.0	90.2	High Yield	111.7	118.6
102.0	93.6	Income Inc	74.7	78.9
75.9	56.1	Income Gilt Inc	71.6	76.2
62.2	42.4	Japan Growth	55.5	62.0
98.1	62.5	Japan Gen Inc	92.6	97.6
75.7	55.7	New Tech Fd	112.6	119.7
83.7	63.6	Neptune	75.5	*79.5
107.7	105.3	Smlr Co's	111.2	120.6
114.4	63.9	Sec Fields	104.6	111.2
49.1	33.9	Select Inc	43.1	47.7
111.6	78.8	Smlr Co's Inc	111.6	118.7
119.0	70.8	South East Asia	119.0	126.5
76.8	58.7	Special Sits	77.4	78.5
143.4	104.2	U.K. Equity	129.6	*137.5
98.1	83.9	U.S. Growth	91.3	97.0
75.7	58.8	Universal Growth	71.2	75.7

SCHRODER UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
Regal House, 14 James St. WC2. 0705 827733.

122.9	91.9	Amer Fd Inc	120.6	128.5
130.2	91.6	Amer Fd Acc	121.6	128.6
65.8	53.5	Aust Fd Inc	63.3	67.3
65.2	62.1	Aust Fd Acc	63.9	67.3
68.4	53.5	Euro Fd Inc	65.4	67.5
68.4	53.5	Euro Fd Acc	64.1	68.3
136.9	101.3	Inc Fd Inc	124.9	133.1
136.9	101.3	Inc Fd Acc	125.4	133.1
72.2	54.2	Intnl Fd Inc	62.5	66.9
72.2	54.2	Intnl Fd Acc	62.5	66.9
128.7	91.0	Intnl Fd Acc	126.7	135.0
70.0	50.0	Jap Smlr Co's Fd	65.7	70.0
50.0	50.0	Special Sits Fd Inc	50.0	54.0
50.0	50.0	Special Sits Fd Acc	50.0	54.0
71.6	68.1	Tokyo Fd Inc	63.5	65.8
71.6	68.1	Tokyo Fd Acc	63.5	65.8
143.0	100.0	U.K. Equity Fd Inc	136.2	143.0
143.0	100.0	U.K. Equity Fd Acc	136.2	143.0
61.9	50.0	Pen & Charity Fd Inc	55.7	*58.7
61.9	50.0	Pen & Charity Fd Acc	55.7	*58.7
77.0	68.1	Gilts Fixed Int Fd Inc	69.2	72.9
77.0	68.1	Gilts Fixed Int Fd Acc	69.2	72.9
83.5	41.1	Gold Fd Inc	73.9	41.4
83.5	41.1	Gold Fd Acc	73.9	41.4
69.4	73.1	Sing & Malay Fd Inc	65.0	69.4
90.0	73.0	Sing & Malay Fd Acc	65.0	69.5
65.6	46.7	U.S. Smlr Co's Fd Acc	61.6	65.6

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Box 273, St. Peter Port, Guernsey. (0481) 28750.

Portfolio Selection Fund Ltd.

1.118	0.983	American Fund	1.015	1.065
2.146	1.950	Dollar Fixed Int Fd	2.052	*2.154
100.4	96.4	Australian Fund	80.6	86.1
111.5	109.0	British Fund	101.0	108.0
114.7	101.5	European Fund	105.1	112.3
89.8	84.1	Gold Fund	82.9	87.6
139.8	101.0	Hong Kong Fund	124.2	*132.0
117.2	100.3	International Fund	109.6	117.2
115.4	101.3	Japanese Fund	109.9	116.4
111.7	101.3	Jap. Smaller Co's Fd	109.5	111.7
1.000	1.000	Singapore & Mal. Fd	100.7	1.000
84.150	65.000	Dollar Fixed Int Sg	20.650	81.850
101.6	92.1	Sterling Fixed Int Sg	92.3	96.9
5.048	5.002	Deutschemark Curr'y	—	5.048
1.018	1.001	Dollar Currency	—	1.018
1.024	1.001	Sterling Currency	—	1.024
203.0	200.0	Yen Currency	—	208.0
106.9	100.3	Managed Currency	99.8	106.9

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MANAGERS LTD.
31, St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031 556 9101.

131.5	103.3	Income Units	122.2	130.1
187.6	144.4	Accum. Units	174.7	185.9

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 6100

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UNIT TRUST PRICES

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh EH2 2OZ 031-556-9101

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
217·9	155·9	Mixed	205·9	216·8
233·4	181·4	Equity	218·9	230·5
130·6	114·1	Fixed Int.	123·9	127·3
258·7	175·5	International	245·7	256·7
121·8	109·5	Property	115·3	121·4
112·9	96·5	Index linked	106·4	112·0
122·1	109·5	Cash	116·0	122·1
125·4	90·0	Edinburgh Inc.	117·5	123·6
131·6	92·9	Edinburgh Am.	124·1	130·7
119·0	85·7	Baillie Gifford Jap.	111·6	117·5

SCOTTISH WIDOWS GROUP
PO Box 902, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU 031-655 6000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
340·6	263·9	Investor Policy S.1	338·2	358·2
332·7	258·1	Investor Policy S.2	315·7	332·3
328·1	255·7	Investor Policy S.3	309·5	325·8
169·5	158·0	Investor Policy Cash	160·8	169·3
184·9	154·3	Mixed Fd.	173·6	182·6
215·7	164·6	Equity Fund	191·4	201·8
132·7	120·7	Property Fd.	126·0	132·7
175·1	132·1	International Fd	164·0	172·7
164·0	148·8	Fixed Int Fd	153·1	161·3
114·5	103·6	Indexed Stock Fd	108·0	113·8
127·5	98·5	Cash Fd.	119·6	126·0
212·5	172·7	Pens Mixed Fd Ord.	199·2	213·4
235·4	178·0	Pens Equity Fd Ord.	218·3	229·8
146·2	129·1	Pens Prop Fd Ord.	138·6	146·2
198·6	146·8	Pens Intl Fd Ord	188·3	198·3
196·4	170·1	Pens Fixed Int Fd Ord	173·8	189·3
119·7	105·2	Pens Index St Fd Ord	112·5	118·6
146·2	131·6	Pens Cash Fd Ord	138·7	146·2
888·5	770·0	Pens Managed Man	881·3	881·3
902·0	715·9	Pens Managed Stock F.	693·0	899·0
137·4	120·7	Pens Managed Prop.	137·4	137·4
151·4	112·8	Pens Managed Cash	151·4	151·4
421·6	312·9	Exempt Unit Tst Acc	408·5	421·6

SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Southampton. 0703 334411

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
188·5	155·4	Managed Life Acc.	179·1	188·5
243·1	184·6	Managed Pens one Acc	221·5	233·1
215·3	175·2	International Life Acc	202·6	213·3
293·0	222·0	International Pens Acc	278·0	292·6
119·7	95·3	Arbuthnot Man Life Acc	112·9	118·6
124·3	94·0	Arbuthnot Pens Acc.	115·3	121·3
106·7	86·7	Britannia Man Life Acc	99·6	106·7
120·6	92·5	Britannia Pens one Acc	114·8	120·8
113·5	90·6	Framlington Man Life Acc	107·0	112·6
135·4	99·1	Framlington Pens Acc	128·1	132·7
113·1	88·1	Gartmore Man Life Acc	107·3	112·9
132·9	95·9	Gartmore Pens. Acc.	124·0	130·5
113·5	92·1	Henderson Man Life Acc	107·6	113·2
129·5	98·7	Henderson Pens. Acc.	121·8	127·5
111·5	91·4	TSB Managed Life Acc	106·0	111·5
126·2	98·0	TSB Pensions Acc.	119·9	126·2
194·9	159·5	Equity Life Acc.	185·1	192·7
245·5	191·6	Equity Pens one Acc.	231·0	243·2
157·4	143·1	Gilt Plus Life Acc.	145·6	153·5
196·4	171·4	Gilt Plus Pens. Acc.	181·9	191·5
149·5	136·9	Property Life Acc.	141·4	148·6
188·5	167·6	Property Pens. Acc.	176·7	186·1
150·0	137·1	Deposit Life Acc.	141·6	149·1
192·6	172·6	Deposit Pens one Acc	181·9	191·5

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
3 George St. Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225 2552

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
272·3	213·0	Managed	256·4	269·9
174·9	151·7	Property	166·1	174·9
351·5	251·6	Equity	326·7	343·9
287·2	206·5	International	272·6	287·2
206·2	174·6	Fixed Interest	179·0	188·5
338·1	252·7	Pens. Managed	318·4	335·2
448·0	377·6	Pens Equity	416·9	439·9
367·2	245·2	Pens Intnl	348·3	367·2
112·5	97·7	Index-Linked	103·6	109·1
148·9	133·2	Cash	141·4	148·9
187·1	164·9	Pens Property	177·5	186·9
211·5	184·3	Pens Fixed Interest	194·6	204·9
112·8	96·3	Pens Index-Linked	106·4	112·0
175·1	157·7	Pens Cash	166·3	175·1

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INSURANCE LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham 0403 64141

Life Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
399·0	301·4	Equity	363·1	382·3
231·9	204·2	Fixed Interest	211·0	222·2
283·6	190·9	International	269·3	283·5
312·2	248·0	Managed	296·5	312·2
244·5	225·6	Property	232·2	244·5
163·1	155·2	Deposit	154·9	163·1
134·2	115·8	Index Linked	136·7	135·4
123·9	49·3	North America	117·7	123·9
115·7	100·0	Far East	110·8	116·7
135·10	121·73	International Bond.	—	135·10

Pension Funds

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
216·0	156·4	Equity	198·5	209·0
195·1	171·2	Fixed Interest.	175·4	186·9
144·5	119·5	Property	137·3	144·5
204·2	162·0	Managed	193·9	204·2
157·1	132·6	Index Linked	148·9	156·8
243·2	160·5	International	231·0	243·2
135·2	120·9	Deposit	128·4	135·2

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA (UK) LTD
2, 3 & 4 Cockspur St. London SW1Y 5BH. 01-930 5400

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
575·8	456·9	Growth Account	—	568·2
324·3	274·7	Managed Account	—	322·8
163·1	138·4	Maple Leaf Mngd. Fd	[illegible]	168·4
193·6	147·1	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd.	180·9	190·5
146·2	128·6	Maple Leaf Fix. In. Fd	132·8	139·8
224·8	170·4	Maple Leaf Intnl. Fd	213·6	224·8
596·7	380·7	Personal Pens. Acct.	—	596·7
292·5	235·6	Pensions Mngd. Acc	277·8	292·5
401·2	306·1	Equity Account	—	397·9
128·1	113·1	Maple Leaf Prop. Fd	121·7	128·1
119·8	112·2	Maple Leaf Money Fd	113·8	119·8
117·9	102·8	Maple Leaf In Lin Fd	111·1	117·0
109·2	100·0	Pens Guaranteed Fd	95·2	100·2
100·0	100·0	Pens. Equity Fd.	94·4	99·4
109·1	100·0	Pens. Property Fd.	95·0	100·6
100·6	100·0	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd.	95·5	100·1
102·0	100·0	Pens Intnl. Fd	96·9	102·0
100·2	100·0	Pens. Money Fd.	95·1	100·2
101·4	100·0	Pens Index Link Fd	96·3	101·4

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272-426911

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
357·5	327·2	Managed Acc.	319·8	336·7
207·1	205·5	Property Acc.	196·7	207·1
456·4	425·7	Equity Acc.	433·2	455·5
187·4	179·2	Fixed Interest Acc.	172·8	181·9
106·9	103·4	Index-Linked Acc.	101·5	106·9
170·8	160·8	Cash Acc.	162·2	170·8
215·0	183·9	American Equity Acc	201·5	212·2
121·2	116·5	U.S. Bonds Acc.	117·9	124·3
131·4	121·6	Japan Acc.	121·8	131·4
119·2	103·7	Pacific Acc.	113·1	119·1
295·3	204·1	Far Eastern Acc.	271·0	285·3
260·7	225·6	International Acc.	247·6	260·7
134·7	114·9	U.S. Dollar Acc.	118·4	124·7
111·9	106·7	Yen Acc.	106·3	111·9
107·0	106·6	European Curr. Acc	99·5	104·6
150·7	139·0	Distribution	132·0	139·0

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
326·2	305·0	Pens. Mngd. Acc.	309·8	326·2
165·5	166·6	Pens Property Acc.	157·0	165·3
405·8	367·9	Pens. Equity Acc.	377·5	397·4
175·9	171·1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc	164·4	175·1
108·1	104·6	Pens. Ind. Link. Acc	102·6	108·1
169·5	166·1	Pens. Cash Acc.	161·0	169·5
183·6	159·8	Pens. American Eq Acc	172·8	182·0
149·0	120·6	Pens U.S. Bonds Acc	141·5	149·0
135·2	123·2	Pens. Japan Acc.	128·4	135·2
157·8	111·5	Pens Pacific Acc.	139·0	157·8
419·5	391·0	Pens Far Eastern Acc	398·5	419·5
322·7	254·3	Pens. Intnl. Acc.	306·5	322·7
135·5	120·8	Pens U.S. Dollar Acc	128·5	135·5
122·5	113·2	Pens. Yen Acc.	116·3	122·5
106·8	105·5	Pens. Euro. Curr. Acc	103·2	105·5

TSB LIFE & PENSIONS
PO Box 3, Keens Hse, Andover, Hants SP10 1PG. 0264-62188

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126·8	106·5	Managed	120·4	126·8
112·6	104·6	Property	106·9	112·6
157·4	115·0	Equity	149·5	157·4
116·9	98·1	Fixed Int.	106·8	112·5
110·9	104·2	Money	105·3	110·9
224·4	180·0	Man. Pens	213·1	224·4
101·2	100·0	Deposit Pens	96·0	101·2

TEACHERS ASSURANCE CO. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
137·5	114·5	Managed Fund	130·1	137·6
119·1	104·2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd.	109·1	114·9
114·5	107·1	Cash Fund	108·8	114·5

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD
35-37 High Holborn, WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
225·1	185·5	Series 2 Man. Fund	211·5	222·5
279·9	214·8	Series 2 Equity Fund	260·0	276·3
203·2	181·1	Series 2 Prop. Fund	195·1	203·2
192·9	175·3	Series 2 Fixed Int. Fd	185·0	194·7
144·8	136·6	Series 2 Money Fund	137·6	144·8
205·6	166·8	Series 2 O'seas Fund	195·4	205·6
441·0	358·0	Tul Invest. Fund	414·6	436·9
306·5	252·3	Tulip Managed Fund	291·2	306·5
219·4	181·9	Managed Fund Inc.	226·3	213·1
355·3	250·7	Managed Fund Acc.	240·1	254·5
347·1	272·4	Man. Pen. Fund Cap.	326·9	344·1
447·6	353·3	Man. Pen. Fund Acc.	422·3	444·5

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
London Road, Gloucester GL1 3DE 0452-300500

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
262·9	191·6	American	249·7	262·9
189·6	153·6	International	180·2	189·6
271·2	225·1	U.K. Equity	257·6	271·2
264·3	222·6	Managed	250·9	264·3
317·1	256·0	High Yield	292·6	313·1
225·4	199·1	Gilt Edged	215·2	217·2
305·7	3?·8	Growth Acc.	288·5	303·6
249·6	214·5	Growth Cap.	237·0	249·6
302·5	287·8	Property	293·0	308·5
261·0	238·4	Guaranteed	243·5	256·4
215·3	198·5	Money	204·5	215·3
251·3	220·8	Fiscal	234·8	247·3
367·3	311·8	Pensions Managed	339·3	357·3
235·2	211·2	Pensions Deposit	223·5	235·2
315·6	252·5	Pensions Property	299·7	315·6
255·4	221·6	Pensions Gilt Edged	242·6	244·9
344·7	265·2	Pensions Equity	328·8	339·9
118·5	105·0	Pensions Overseas Bond	105·6	111·3
116·9	107·4	Pensions Worldwide	111·0	116·9
116·0	99·0	Henderson Active	110·1	116·0
122·5	99·0	Perpetual Active	116·3	122·5
96·9	76·2	Trident Bond	92·0	96·9
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VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
41-43 Maddox St. London W1R 9LA 01-499 4923

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
362·4	295·0	Managed	344·0	362·4
681·7	525·5	Equity	638·6	672·4
285·2	264·9	Fixed Interest	274·0	288·5
253·6	224·7	Property	240·9	253·6
302·5	218·1	International	287·3	302·5
133·4	94·0	North American	127·7	133·4
115·6	83·5	Pacific Basin	109·8	115·6
119·5	94·1	European	113·1	119·1
200·1	192·2	Cash	190·0	200·1
382·6	255·4	Pensions Managed	306·4	322·6
434·6	322·4	Pensions Equity	408·0	429·5
267·6	225·5	Pensions Fixed Int.	247·6	260·7
218·5	201·3	Pensions Property	207·5	218·5
119·9	101·4	Pens Index-L'kd Gilt	113·2	119·2
148·8	124·4	Pens Intnat'l Money	142·2	149·7
154·4	102·7	Pens Global Equity	146·6	154·4
105·1	100·0	Pensions Cash	97·8	105·0
12·50	8·44	Pens Guaranteed %	12·12	—

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Further to the announcement on Friday 15 February 1985 Gencor announces that The Johannesburg Stock Exchange ('the JSE') has granted a listing for the renounceable (nil paid) letters of allocation and the ordinary shares of no par value in the share capital of Beatrix pursuant to the rights offer by Gencor of R109,508,585 comprising 21,901,717 ordinary shares of no par value in the share capital of Beatrix at an issue price of 500 cents per ordinary share to the holders of ordinary shares, 8·5% variable compulsorily convertible cumulative preference shares and 12·5% unsecured subordinated compulsorily convertible debentures in Gencor on the basis of 23 ordinary shares of no par value in Beatrix for every 100 shares or debentures held in Gencor. An application to list the ordinary shares of Beatrix is being made to the Council of The Stock Exchange London ('the SEL').

The important dates are:

	1985
Record date for the rights offer — last day for Gencor ordinary shareholders, convertible preference shareholders and convertible debentureholders to register for the rights offer	Friday 1 March
Gencor ordinary shares, convertible preference shares and convertible debentures listed ex rights in Johannesburg and London	Monday 4 March
Listing of renounceable (nil paid) letters of allocation commences on the JSE	Monday 4 March
Dealings in Beatrix ordinary shares (nil paid) commences on the SEL	Monday 4 March
Offer opens in Johannesburg and London at 09h30	Friday 8 March
Last day for dealing in renounceable (nil paid) letters of allocation on the JSE	Wednesday 27 March
Last day for splitting renounceable (nil paid) letters of allocation in London (16h00)	Wednesday 27 March
Last day for splitting renounceable (nil paid) letters of allocation in Johannesburg (14h30)	Thursday 28 March
Dealings in the Beatrix ordinary shares commence on the JSE	Thursday 28 March
Rights offer closes	Friday 29 March
Last day for payment in Johannesburg (14h30) and London (16h00)	Friday 29 March
Dealing in Beatrix ordinary shares (fully paid) commences on the SEL	Monday 1 April
Last day for postal acceptances (close of business)	Wednesday 3 April
Beatrix share certificates posted by	Wednesday 17 April

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Reuters in buying mood

HIGH-TECH might be right out of favour so far as United States investors are concerned, but corporate customers looking for acquisitions of unquoted companies still have to pay top prices.

Reuters Holdings has been negotiating the purchase of Rich Inc for months, but is paying well over 20 times historic earnings for a "people business" light on assets and long on goodwill.

It is never easy to measure the real worth of an acquisition when integration benefits are expected, but Reuters is confident enough to leave none of the $57·5 million purchase consideration dependent on performance.

The rationale of the deal is that Rich dealing systems fit naturally with Reuters services and the marketing of the two side by side will provide benefits to both businesses.

Meanwhile, Reuter's profits for the year 1984 have come in a comfortable 6 p.c. above the prospectus forecast at £74·3 million against £55·2 million.

On the swings Reuters won a £3 million advantage from the weakness of sterling. The roundabouts included a disastrous commodities market in the United States which hit income from that area of business.

The proportion of income generated from news media customers slipped further from 6 to 5 p.c., leaving the business services even more dominant. The current year will see more of the same, helped by some modest price increases put through at the beginning of this year.

How long the growth in business subscribers can continue at the current rate is anyone's guess, but there are no doubts about 1985 and profits in the £100 million area are expected. That would put the shares at 365p on a prospective 25 times earnings.

That provides a formidable launching pad for further acquisitions, as does a year-end cash hoard of £84 million, and the Rich deal demonstrates that Reuters is prepared to pay for what it really wants.

Amstrad chairman Alan Sugar—overseas markets account for 44 p.c. of turnover.

But, all that said, the shares *should be chased no higher for* the time being.

Vantona rates a strong hold

HAVING tucked the once-swollen Carrington Viyella neatly under its belt—plus the smaller F. Miller (Textiles) acquired last year—Vantona Viyella is back on the predatory trail.

The latest figures for the year to November 30 are fuel for these ambitions. Pre-tax profits emerge at £21·1 million against £12 million and even though the inclusion of acquisitions for uneven periods wipes some of the meaning out of the comparison the underlying trend is encouraging.

On turnover of £385 million pre-tax margins have climbed from 3·9 p.c. to 5·4 p.c. and given the increasing level of capital expenditure there remains substantial scope for further improvement in the current year.

The company breaks its profits down into six divisions, including overseas and associated companies, but the real potential clearly centres on three main areas — household textiles, garments and woven fabrics — which together account for about 88 p.c. — of pre-interest profits.

Capital spending over the last two years of £25 million should be equalled in the current year with most of the outlay going on those three key areas.

The other United Kingdom wholly-owned division, carpets, is on the recovery trend following a first-half loss but profits still ended the year £1 million lower at £518,000 and this seems unlikely to attract significant short-term investment.

Vantona's balance sheet is strong enough to support another buying spree with gearing now down to 26 p.c. and it is well known that the group is casting around for opportunities, particularly those which would enable it to exploit its brand names in the export markets.

A popular takeover target suggested for Vantona is Nottingham Manufacturing. That says a lot for the high esteem in which the market holds Vantona's acquisitional power. Vantona is currently capitalised at £139 million while Nottingham's current market value is more than £180 million. If anything were to come of that idea only an agreed merger would probably swing the deal Vantona's way.

Whichever way Vantona expands its shares qualify as a strong hold however. Pre-tax profits this year should be in the £25 million to £27 million range for a prospective *multiple* of 7·6 at 327p. It is easy to see how that could rise at least a full point during the course of 1984-85 to give a price of around 360p.

Amstrad not today's buy

IN THE wake of Acorn's troubles retailers are buying home computers as they would pints of milk—only when they need to. Investors are similarly nervous, and interim results from Amstrad showing pre-tax profits above those seen in all of the previous financial year merely left the shares unchanged.

Had Amstrad given a divisional sales and profits breakdown to back up a £9·53 million result for the six months to December 31 against £6·32 million, and £9·12 million in the 12 months ended June, market reaction might have been warmer.

After all, there is nothing to be ashamed of with margins up from 10·7 to 15·8 p.c. in six months, and the jump in minority interests from £24,000 to £221,000 demonstrates how well the Hongkong subsidiary is doing.

Overseas markets now account for 44 p.c. of turnover against 13 p.c. and Hongkong, Germany and France are still billed as star areas. Home computers claimed 40 p.c. of interim turnover and audio equipment the balance.

Amstrad says it achieved its 200,000 home computer sales by December and is still confident that in 1985 worldwide sales will reach 600,000. More product launches are promised.

If Amstrad continues to hold its head above the industry's troubles year-end profits could well be *in the £17·5 million* region against £9·1 million. The group has a track record of having virtually doubled profits, with one year's exception, annually since 1980.

But with sentiment currently running against the sector the prospective price-earnings ratio of around seven, based on 80p and an expected 25 p.c. tax rate, does not make Amstrad today's buy, notwithstanding its international flavour.

The share register has changed rapidly since Acorn's troubles and there remain a number of stale bulls around who took up the May rights issue at 85p since when the price has stayed in a very narrow range.

COMPANIES

Intereurope Tech.

PROFIT progress continues for Intereurope Technology Services, which moved on from the USM to a full listing in September. The first half pre-tax outturn is up from £528,000 to £678,000. Turnover was 20·3 p.c. up at £4·21m.

The group, Britain's largest producer of technical documentation, says all its aspects have progressed well and that the order book continues firm.

The interim dividend is 1·7p (1·54p) from earnings of 7·72p (5·5p).

Team Holdings

BSR International, the Hongkong-based electronic components group, has agreed to a joint venture with Technology Engineering and Manufacturing Corporation, of the United States, to form Team (Holdings). Team will take over the Astec semiconductor facility in Singapore, in return for $3·1m (£2·95m) in cash and notes and a 41 p.c. stake in the new enlarged company. BSR closed 10 higher at 138p, after 140p.

Ladies Pride

LADIES PRIDE, the Leicester-based womenswear fashion group, has swung from a £288,000 profit to a £282,000 pre-tax deficit in the twelve months ended November and the final dividend is being halved to 1p on April 25 for a 1·5p (2·5p) total. Losses were 2·25p (earnings 2·78p).

Results reflected the absorption of high setting-up, staffing and stocking costs in the group's shop-within-shop outlets and a loss by the fabric manufacturing subsidiary—which had traded profitably in the first half.

MJI Corporation

MJI CORPORATION is selling its waste - disposal businesses, comprising Cartaways, Little Haywood Transport and Maurice James Transport, for £5·77m cash. The buyer is not disclosed. The group, which on Friday revealed it was in talks relating to a possible sale of a subsidiary, will use the proceeds to reduce indebtedness, thereby reducing interest charges.

MJI has warranted that 1984 pre-tax profits for the combined waste disposal operations will be £500,000. In December, the group announced a major internal shake-up which, it *said*, would involve disposals and indicated that a return to group profitability before 1985 was unlikely.

Rex Williams

AGAINST a difficult background of continuing high unemployment and industrial unrest, Rex Williams Leisure, the snooker and pool table operator, has met its full year's profit forecast—made at the time of December's USM placing—with £167,000 pre-tax against £153,000 for the comparable period.

As indicated, there is no dividend but the board re-affirm its intention to pay total dividends of 0·91p for the current year.

IN BRIEF

Vantage Securities: Full year p/t revenue £61,000 (£57,000). Gross income £80,000 (£72,000). EPS 1·428p (1·339p). NAV 55·5p (43·8p). Final div. 1·05p, making 1·4p (1·2p).

First Scottish American Trust: Full year net revenue £2·28m (£1·82m). EPS 7·09p (5·03p). NAV, ex dividend, 339·9p (277·2p). Final div. 4·75p, pay April 24, making 6·75p (5·15p).

Ramar Textile: First half p/t pft £387,600 (£347,600). T/O £10·4m (£9·07m). As usual, no int. div.

Michael Peters Group: First half p/t pft £338,000 (£253,000). T/o £2·25m (£1·27m). EPS 3·6p (2·25p). Int div 1p (0·785), pay May 31. Figures include a contribution from November acquisition Cockade. Third quarter trading going well.

Jos Holdings: First half p/t pft £134,800 (£144,800). Investment income £127,700 (£175,500). Other income £35,300 (£5,300). EPS 1·47p (1·54p). NAV 138·2p (113·4p). Int div again 1p, pay April 3.

"Investing in Success" Equities Trust: Fullt year pt revenue £552,900 (£573,100). Gross revenue £1·11m (£1·25m). EPS 6·07p (6·29p). NAV 675p (591·8p). Final div 4·2p, pay April 25, making 5·46p (5·32p).

RIGHTS ISSUES

Kellock Trust

KELLOCK TRUST's rights issue of £572,600 floating rate unsecured loan notes 1987-88 has met with a poor reception. Only £34,600 (6·04 p.c.) of the stock was taken up and of the balance £170,000 was sold in the market and £368,000 left with the underwriters.

BIDS AND DEALS

Scots Mortgage

SCOTTISH Mortgage and Trust has sold its entire long-dated dollar bond portfolio, built up between March and September 1982 at a total cost of $45m funded by borrowings. The trust, managed by Baillie Gifford, has made net profit of some $8m on the deal.

A Baillie Gifford spokesman commented that the sale had been made because "we had no confidence that the level of United States interest rates would go much higher." The original borrowings were now being repaid. Scottish Mortgage shares were unchanged at 402p.

MINING

CRA

RIO TINTO-ZINC'S 52·9p.c. owned Australian subsidiary, CRA, has been hit by depressed aluminium and copper prices and for the year ended December reports a net profit of A$29·5m compared with A$71·5m earned in 1983.

The result represents a return of 1p.c. on shareholders' funds, and with a final dividend of 4 cents Australian the year's payment is cut from 12 cents to 8 cents a share.

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Over-the-Counter Market

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yd %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
144	123	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	142	—	6·6	4·4	7·9	9·4
151	135	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	150	—	10·0	6·6	—	—
77	51	Airsprung Group	55	—	6·4	11·6	6·0	7·2
42	26	Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	2·9	8·3	4·4	7·3
142	108	Bardon Hill	141	—	3·4	2·4	14·2	23·7
58	42	Bray Technologies	47	—	3·5	7·4	5·5	7·8
201	170	CCL Ordinary	170	—	12·0	7·1	—	—
152	110	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	110	—	15·7	13·8	—	—
860	100	Carborundum Ord.	860	+10	5·7	0·7	—	—
86	84	Carborundum 7·5 p.c. Pref.	86	—	10·7	12·4	—	—
103	43	Cindico Group	43s	—	—	—	—	—
75	51	Deborah Services	56xd	—	6·5	11·4	5·3	8·6
297	182	Frank Horsell	297	—	—	—	11·9	15·6
257	170	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	257	—	9·6	3·8	10·3	13·5
32	25	Frederick Parker	28	—	—	—	—	—
55	33	George Blair	55	—	—	—	3·7	7·4
50	27	Ind. Precision Castings	29	—	2·7	9·3	7·9	8·6
218	186	Isis Group	186	—	15·0	8·0	7·4	13·4
124	104	Jackson Group	104	—	4·9	4·7	4·8	9·4
285	213	James Burrough	268	−2	13·7	5·1	9·5	9·5
83	83	James Burrough 9 p.c. Pref.	86xd	—	12·9	15·0	—	—
37	71	John Howard & Company	87	—	5·0	5·7	8·9	12·6
170	100	Linguaphone Ord.	170	+2	—	—	—	—
100	93	Linguaphone 10·5 p.c. Pref.	95	—	15·0	15·8	—	—
612	300	Minihouse Holding N.V.	612	—	3·8	0·6	44·0	48·2
120	31	Robert Jenkins	40	+1	5·0	12·5	—	—
60	28	Scruttons 'A'	32	—	5·7	17·8	16·8	3·9
92	61	Torday & Carlisle	78	—	—	—	8·4	17·7
444	370	Trevian Holdings	370	—	4·3	1·2	21·0	20·7
27	17	Unilock Holdings	27	—	1·3	4·8	15·1	18·9
98	81	Walter Alexander	94xd	—	7·5	7·9	9·3	11·3
247	224	W. S. Yeates	224	—	17·4	7·7	5·4	10·7

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Ramar Textiles p.l.c.

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INTERIM REPORT

Unaudited Results for the six months	27 weeks to 30th Nov. 1984 £	26 weeks to 25th Nov. 1983 £	52 weeks to 25th May 1984 £
Group Turnover	10,444,658	9,075,160	18,558,147
Group Profit Before Taxation	387,619	347,612	582,544
Taxation	–	–	82,929
Group Profit Attributable to Members	387,619	347,612	499,615

Trading Results

As forecast in my last annual statement we have made increases in turnover and profitability, of 15.1% and 11.5% respectively.

This result has been achieved in spite of the difficulties of the market and the unpredictable changes in the international financial markets. As your business has to take long term views on the purchase of raw materials from abroad this can become quite hazardous.

The industry is facing a difficult phase but because of your company's long experience we are equipped to contend with these problems.

With regard to the second half of the financial year I confidently predict increased profits over the same period last year.

I would like to thank all our employees for their diligence and loyalty which is essential to our continued progress.

26th February, 1985 M. RADIN *Chairman*

Alfred McAlpine PLC
(Formerly MARCHWIEL PLC)

Year ended 31st October	1984 £000	1983 £000
Turnover	340,090	301,295
Profit before Tax	22,644	19,522
Profit on ordinary activities after Tax and Minority Interests	16,043	11,716
Earnings per Ordinary Share after Tax	45.4p	33.0p
Total Dividend per Ordinary Share	11.0p	9.0p

- Another record year with both turnover and profit before tax at their highest ever levels.
- The Group has been reconstructed into four operating divisions to reflect the wider spread of its activities.
- For the fourth successive year the Directors recommend an increased ordinary dividend, now covered 4.1 times.
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- Liquid resources in excess of £31 million.

Copies of the full Statement and the Chairman's Report will be available from the Secretary, Hooton, South Wirral, Cheshire L66 7ND, after March 11th.

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The Prospectus will be published in full in the Financial Times on Wednesday 27 February 1985.

PEPE

Dollar cools late trading

THE pound lost another one-quarter of a cent against the dollar yesterday, closing at $1·0555 after touching $1·0570 in hectic early morning trading.

It also fell sharply against Continental currencies as dealers took the view that sterling was overhauled in Europe. As a result, the sterling index lost 0·7 points, falling to a low of 70·2.

The dollar at first rose against all currencies but went into reverse in the day when Federal Reserve Board chairman, Paul Volcker, drew attention to the enormous United States Budget deficit. A lower American Fed Funds rate also took the shine off the dollar.

The Bank of England did not intervene to help the pound, although there was speculation that central banks might soon launch a combined attack on the dollar.

In London money markets, the cost of wholesale funds eased by about ⅛ p.c., reducing the key three-month interbank rate to 14½ p.c. bid, as dealers adopted a more phlegmatic view of events on the exchanges.

INTEREST rates in the local authority yearling bond market have risen half a point this week to 12⅞ p.c.

The issues are again all at par and the borrowers include West Glamorgan County Council (£1·25m). Newport Borough Council and Brighton Borough Council (£1m each); and Metropolitan Police, City of Newcastle upon Tyne, and London Borough of Hillingdon (£500,000 each).

THE POUND ABROAD

	26-2-85	Prev. close
Austria	25.16–.31	25.55–.69
Belgium*	72.59–.84	72.04–.35
Canada	1.4630–.4710	1.4751–.4817
Denmark	12.6210–.8659	13.0125–.0479
France	10.9825–11.0555	11.1197–.1314
Germany W	3.5845–.6232	3.6352–.6359
Hong Kong	8.9724–.9978	9.1228–.1...
Ireland	1.1622–.1692	1.1780–.1765
Italy	2257.61–2277.77	2272.47–2272.96
Japan	271.63–.91	275.75–.77.75
Norway	10.3043–.3450	10.5757–.6016
Portugal	195.65–200.35	195.27–197.87
Spain	198.92–200.35	200.97–201.37
Sweden	10.2622–.7948	10.4658–.4715
Switzerland	2.9455–.9577	3.0242–.9292
Utd. States	1.0525–.0615	1.0555–.0595

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 70.5, 71.2 (70.9) CLOSE 70.2 (70.9)
(Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 264.66–265.38
Australia	A$1.4780–1.4810
Brazil	Cruzeiro 4064.00–4115.00
Cyprus	C£ 0.7529–0.7374
Finland	Markka 7.4560–7.1710
Greece	Drachma 146.60–149.81
Hong Kong	HK$ 8.1430–8.1530
India	Rupee 13.6122
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3353–0.3389
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3255–0.3275
Malaysia	Ringgit 2.6900–2.7000
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 3.7520–3.7925
Singapore	S$ 2.3730–2.3830
South Africa	Rand 2.2260–2.2590
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 3.8570–3.8670

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	26-2-85	Prev. close
France	10.4950	10.5630
Germany	3.4300	3.4480
Switzerland	2.9025	2.9155
Japan	261.10	262.40
Trade weighted avg	157.20	157.10

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:			
7 days 8⅝–8¾		1 month 8⅝–8¾	
3 months 9¼–9⅜		6 months 9⅝–9¾	
MARKS:			
7 days 5¾–5⅞		1 month 5¾–5⅞	
3 months 6⅛–6¼		6 months 6⅛–6¼	
SWISS FRANCS:			
7 days 1¾–1⅞		1 month 5⅛–5¼	
3 months 6⅛–6¼		6 months 6⅛–6¼	

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	15⅛–14⅞ Gro.pm	48–43 Gro.pm
Belgium	25–20 c pm	67–59 c pm
Canada	0.47–0.56 c.pm	1.05–0.98 c pm
Denmark	4⅛–3⅝ Ore.pm	10⅛–9⅝ Ore pm
France	3½–2¾ c pm	8¼–7½ c.pm
Germany W	2½–2⅜ Pf pm	7⅛–7 Pf pm
Holland	2½–2⅜ c.pm	7½–6⅞ c pm
Italy	2 Lr.pm–1 Lr.dis	Par–4 Lr dis
Japan	1⅝–1⅜ Yen pm	5¼–5 Yen pm
Norway	2⅛–1⅝ Ore pm	6–5 Ore p.m
Portugal	175–500 c dis	435–1350 c.dis
Spain	30–15 c pm	80–50 c.pm
Sweden	1⅛–1 Ore pm	1⅝–2½ Ore pm
Switzerland	2⅛–1⅞ c.pm	6⅞–6⅝ c pm
Utd. States	0.46–0.43 c.pm	1.25–1.20 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

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sterling Equv. £271·95	(£269·65)

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£276·00–£325·45 (£273·00–£322·00)

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£246·65–£249·55 (£254·90–£257·90)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£63·00–£80·50 (£61·00–£78·24)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 14pc (Jan.28)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10½pc (Feb.1)

DISCOUNT MKT.:	
Day-to-Day 9–15	
INTERBANK:	Overnight 12⅛–13⅛
7 days 13½–13¼	1 month 14–14⅛
3 months 14–14⅛	6 months 13⅞–13⅞
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:	
Two days 13⅛	Seven days 13⅛
One month 14	Three months 14
BANK BILLS:	1 month 13⅞–13⅞
3 months 13½–13⅜	6 months 12⅞–12⅝
TREAS. BILLS:	1 month 13⅝–13⅛
2 months 13⅝–13⅞	3 months 13⅛–13⅞
STERLING C.Ds.:	1 month 14⅛–14⅛
3 months 13⅞–13⅞	1 year 12⅛–12⅞
DOLLAR C.Ds.:	1 month 8.55–8.65
3 months 8.90–9.00	1 year 10.10–10.30

COMMODITIES

Tin higher

THE London Metal Exchange cash tin price rose by £61·50 to £10,201·50 a tonne yesterday—its best level in several years—and cash zinc continued to advance on strong demand adding £7·50 to £838·50 a tonne.

LONDON METAL MARKETS

Rudolf Wolff Report:

COPPER: Barely Steady. Wire Bars. Off settlement £1.267 (£1.268), off midday cash £1.266-£1.267. 3 months £1.287-£1.288. after close cash £1.265·50-£1.266·50. 3 months £1.287·50-£1.288. T/O 22.200 tonnes. Cathodes: Quiet. Off settlement £1.266 (£1.265), off midday cash £1.264-£1.266. 3 months £1.285-£1.287. after close cash £1.264-£1.266. 3 months £1.283-£1.285. T/O 150 tonnes.

TIN: Easier. Off settlement £10.270 (£10.120), off midday cash £10.260-£10.270. 3 months £10.285-£10.290. after close cash £10.200-£10.205. 3 months £10.250-£10.255. T/O 525 tonnes.

LEAD: Barely steady. Off settlement £339·50 (£337), off midday cash £329-£329·50. 3 months £339·50-£340, after close cash £330·50-£331. 3 months £340·50-£341. T/O 15.000 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off settlement £837 (£833), off midday cash £836-£837. 3 mths £819-£820. aft close cash £833-£839. 3 mths £819·50-£820. T/O 6.350 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 554p-554·5p. 3 mths 553p-553·5p. aft close cash 553p-554p. 3 mths 551p-555p. T/O 43 lots of 10.000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Easier. Off settlement £1.034 (£1.022·50), off midday cash £1.033-£1.034. 3 mths £1.071·50-£1.072. aft close cash £1.020-£1.021. 3 mths £1.057-£1.058. T/O 23.050 tonnes.

NICKEL: Easier. Off settlement £4.930 (£4.850), off midday cash £4.925-£4.950. 3 mths £4.955-£4.960. aft close cash £4.835-£4.845. 3 mths £4.868-£4.870. T/O 1.854 tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES: price in $: April 285·50. June 289·60. T/O 80 lots of 100 Troy oz each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 555·25 (513·65). 3 mths 552·80 (530·35). 6 mths 570·10 (546·60). 1 yr 601·60 (579·35).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £259·95 (£254·25).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot 68-73 (68-73). Futures: Neglected. March £573-£710. April £680-£720. May £630-£730. June £700-£740. July £710-£850. Aug. £720-£760. Sept. £750-£770. Oct. £740-£780. Nov. £750-£790. T/O 1 lot.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Bra $670. No. 3 Long $650. C.I.F. Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price. Raws £102·50 $108. No. 6 Contract $ per tonne. March 103-103·20. May 115·60-116·80. Aug. 124·60-125. Oct. 132·80-133. Dec. 139·20-139·40. March 153·80-154. May 159·60-161·40. T/O 1.563 lots.

SOYA MEAL: Unchanged. April £145·50-£144. June £128·50-£138·90. Aug. £139·60-£139·70. Oct. £146-£146·30. Dec. £151·50-£152·50. Feb. £155·60-£154·30. April £151-153. T/O 570 lots.

Coffee (£ per tonne): March 2415. May 2466. July 2508. Sept. 2545. Nov 2555. Jan 2557. Sales 2358.

COCOA (£ per tonne): March 2250 Sell, 2229 Buy; May 2209, 2227; July 2208, 2206; Sept. 2184, 2183; Dec. 2053, 2051; March 2048, 2041; May 2050, 2050. Volume 5068. Options 1.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

BARLEY (£ per ton): March 112·40. May 115·80. Sept. 96·75. Nov. 100·15. Jan. 103·90. Wheat (£ per ton): March 112·15. May 116·60. July 119·30. Sept. 96·75. Nov. 99·85.

HGCA—locational ex-farm spot price and change on last week. S.E: feed wheat 108·20 up 110; feed barley 111·80 up 50. S.W: feed wheat 109·20 feed barley 112·20 up 160. W. Midlands: feed wheat 110·30 up 50, feed barley 111·30 up 150. N.W: feed barley 111·30 up 110.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·80. Dubai 27·05. Arab Heavy 26·60. North Sea (Forties) 28·35. North Sea (Brent) 28·40. Nigerian Bonny Medium 28·10.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Feb. 250-49. March 228·27·75. April 217·30-17·25. May 213·25-17·75. June 211·50-11. July 212-11. Aug. 216·10. Sept. 220·10. Oct. 224·10. Total volume 1936. Premier Man.

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PIGMEAT (Gafta): April 103·20p. June 107·10p. Aug. 104·10p. Oct. 109p. Nov. 110·20p. Feb. 102·30p. T/O 65 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): Feb. £2·50. April £47·50. May £49·40. Nov. £72·40. Feb. £80·30. T/O 506 lots of 40 tonnes each.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit lb: Apples eating 10-30, cooking 7-16; banana 30-32; grape SA 34-82; Spanish 22-25; lychees 122; pear 10-25; plum 50-60; forced rhubarb 32; clementines Spanish 27-32; strawberry 100-120. Each: Avocado 16-34; [illegible] 70-100; [illegible] pineapple 80-150; pomelo 80-1[illegible].

Salad bunch: Watercress 15, spring onions [illegible] 15-18, radish [illegible]. Each: Cress [illegible]; cucumber 20-31; lettuce round 20-30; cos 30-40; celery 20-35; [illegible]. Per lb: Tomato imported 25-45; Eng. 50-65; pepper 80-150; Courgette 20-25; marrow 60; beetroot raw [illegible].

Vegetables Each: Globe artichoke 50; sweetcorn 20-25; cauliflower 60-70. Per lb: Red cabbage [illegible]; aubergine 50-55; Kenya bean 75-84; Brussels sprouts 20-25; cabbage 10; spring green 20; asparagus 35-45; carrots old 10-15, new 20; chestnuts 60-80; leeks 40-45; mangetout 85; mushroom 80; onion 4-11; parsnip 12-15; pepper 40-45; potato old 3-5, new 14-18; swede 7-9.

Options date

TRADING in options in Euro-dollar futures is to begin on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on March 20, pending approval from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission the previous day.

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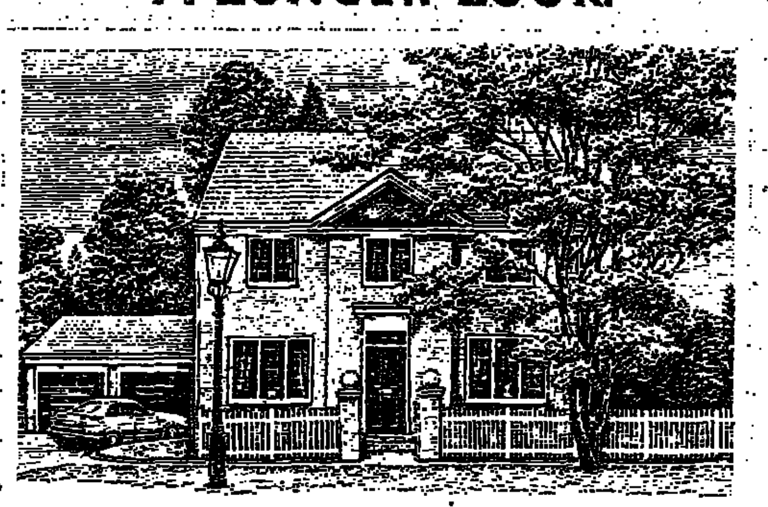

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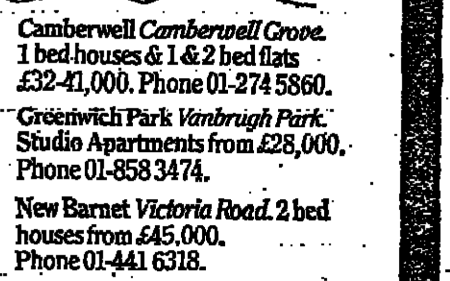

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HOUSES AND ESTATES — DAVID HOPPIT

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THE spring fever that turns a family's fancy to thoughts of a new home seems to get earlier every year, but although most people start their search well before Easter, many seem reluctant to put their own home on the market at this time.

A consequence is insufficient houses to meet demand, as at present, and this tends to lead to rising prices.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) confirms the shortage of houses for sale in its latest report. It says the imbalance between supply and demand is pushing up prices despite the uncertainty over mortgage rates.

In some parts of the country the RICS has found that the scarcity of country homes and cottages has resulted in prices of five to 10 per cent. above the seller's expectations being achieved.

The perennial question of whether one should sell the family home before starting to look for a new one has never been more relevant.

Mr Richard Williscroft, residential partner of Pearsons, the Winchester-based agent with 35 offices in southern England, calculates that during the past five years instructions to sell houses have been above seven per cent. fewer in the month before Easter than in the month after.

"Many vendors mistakenly wait until Easter and springtime before placing their properties on the market although the market is generally more buoyant earlier than anticipated," he explained.

The firm has just produced a leaflet headed "Only 45 selling days left until Easter" advising clients that the optimum selling season commenced well before Easter, and urging them to put their houses on to the market before starting to house hunt.

If people buy before they sell the inevitable consequence is longer chains and higher anxiety, says Pearsons. The only way home owners can really know what their property is worth, and thus know what they can afford to pay for a new house, is by testing the market.

In London, where seasons tend to arrive earlier than elsewhere, the need to resolve the "chicken-and-egg" dilemma is even stronger.

Michelle James, sales manager of Townchoice, based in Wimbledon, tells me: "We have a lot of international and company cash buyers, and so if you find a house you like before you have started to market your own the chances are that it will be sold before you can proceed."

She suggested that prudent home owners got at least two valuations and then, choosing a middle price, they should instruct just one agent to market it. An agent with sole rights to the sale will almost certainly work harder, and if he doesn't the vendor can sack him and instruct another.

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Almost all agents contacting me at the moment talk of a shortage of good properties, and of a seller's market. Fox and Sons in the West Country urged: "If you are thinking of selling now is the time to instruct us, otherwise there won't be time before spring."

In Dorset, Arden and Partners says the beginning of 1985 produced many more house-hunters than usual for the time of year. Again there is currently a shortage of property, particularly in the lower price ranges there, leading to unexpectedly high prices being paid for homes in the £30,000 to £50,000 price range.

One house that is currently on Arden's books is Giddy Cottage, at Giddy Green, near Wareham, in Dorset, which has a useful annexe which could provide separate accommodation. The property is about three miles from Wool, which has a railway station. The main cottage, which is thatched, has four bedrooms. A price of £97,500 is sought.

Even in some of the more remote areas of Britain the race seems to be on for good property. Mr Robert Sword, at Humbert's Yorkshire office in Thorganby, comments: "The indications are that the house selling season may well start much earlier than in previous years.

"Easter time has traditionally put buyers and sellers 'under starter's orders.' Subject to the unpredictable weather, late February might see strong buyers—unsatisfied from 1984—coming into the market to purchase."

Even in the north-west there are signs that the strong buyer's market of the last few years may now be on the decline. Jackson-Stops and Staff say that more than 40 people inspected Bronwylfa Hall, near Wrexham, when it was placed on the market at the beginning of the year, and they had a further 160 enquiries.

Contracts were exchanged within a month at a figure well in excess of the £145,000 guide price. The six-bedroom house, built in the late 18th-century, also has two cottages and about 11 acres of land.

The price, though positively cheap by southern standards, would probably surprise John Beardsworth, a tanner of Wrexham, were he around today. He paid a princely £940 for the property in 1805.

Back in London, Chestertons also reports exceptional activity for the first two months of the year, with buyers from all quarters, particularly America.

Mr David Pallot says there is a distinct shortage of middle- and upper-priced property in Central London, and this has led to an inevitable increase in prices, up to 25 per cent. since last year in some cases. The demand is especially strong for family houses and also for unmodernised property suitable for renovation.

A period house overlooking the Regent Canal in Little Venice, once owned by the actress Joan Collins, is currently offered by Chestertons for £650,000. It has six bedrooms, Italian marble bathrooms, and a landscaped garden.

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Beauchamp Estates confirms that Americans are "window shopping" for property in London, but few are currently buying. This, says Garry Hersham, is partly because they are more accustomed to renting their homes, and also many are credit-rich rather than cash-rich.

Sometimes appearances can be deceptive, and a property known as Gainsford House, at Stisted, near Braintree, in Essex, is old, and yet it isn't. Most of the materials for the house, including huge oak beams and Tudor red bricks, were salvaged when a much older farmhouse was demolished, but the present house dates only from 1933. The oak panelling and doors were brought from a Cambridge University library. Despite its relative youth the house is listed Grade II. It has four bedrooms, a stable block, and more than four acres of land. Bairstow Eves quotes a price of £158,000.

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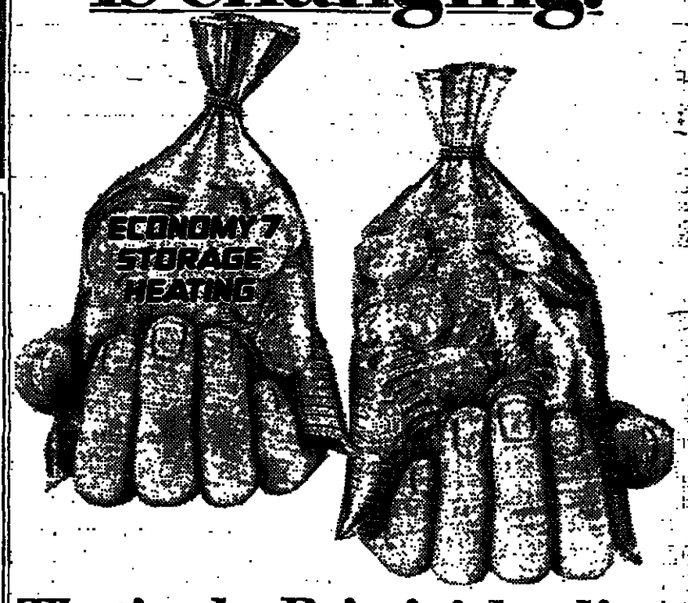

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We need a Specialist to promote the sale of our Safety Relief Valves throughout Southern England. We also have a vacancy for a Sales Engineer to sell our entire valve product range within a territory encompassing Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset and West London.

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All positions involve considerable travel both in the UK and overseas.

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This is marketing in its broadest sense: developing marketing plans to successfully compete in the European, Middle Eastern and African process control markets.

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SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT ANALYST

The evaluation of control products and systems to meet identified market plans is the key responsibility of this stimulating position. The Analyst will monitor product development, develop functional specifications, supervise 'Specials' and test concepts with clients throughout the European, Middle Eastern and African markets.

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Reporting to the General Manager you will be responsible for process and product development as well as for maintenance. With direct responsibility for the management of a small team of people. You must be an engineer qualified in either Production or Mechanical Engineering, preferably with a background in the plastics industry. Your responsibilities in the early stages will include the introduction of a new process which the management team has recently approved.
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A highly profitable subsidiary of a major British Group, now in its tenth year and growing at a rate of 30% per annum needs an enthusiastic, self-motivated young Analyst for a vital development role.
Reporting to the Systems Manager, you will be responsible for Realtry and VAX financial systems running under Adabas, which therefore calls for at least five year industry experience with Adabas, together with project experience in Natural and Basic. IBM PC experience will be useful. You should be in your mid twenties and ready for career development in a growth industry.
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Our Client is a market leader providing a unique service to "blue chip" companies. Rapid expansion now requires the appointment of ambitious young accountants for key support roles in financial and management accounting areas. Prime responsibilities will be monthly and quarterly accounts, budgets and forecasting, and assisting with the improvement of management accounting information systems. In your mid-twenties with Part 1 behind you, you should have at least two years experience of financial or general accounting procedures, and preferably some knowledge of computerised systems. Experience with micros will be an advantage. Apart from a generous benefits package, a clearly defined career path is available for the right people. Ref: 2/5029

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Take responsibility for one of our Rapier ground-to-air missile squadrons defending RAF airfields. Command a mobile field unit protecting our Harriers in forward battle zones. Develop parachuting and commando skills. The variety is enormous, the job is never dull.

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How to apply.

For further information call into any RAF Careers Information Office or write to Group Captain P. E. Terrett, OBE, LLB, RAF, at OL Officer Careers (05/25/02), London Road, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4PZ. Please state which career(s) interest(s) you and include your date of birth and present and/or intended qualifications.

Formal application must be made in the UK.

RAF Officer

General Manager

Agrochemicals Formulation and Packing Plant
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The plant has been established for ten years to support the sale and distribution of our research based product range in the UK. It also carries out sub-contract work for other manufacturers and now employs up to 70 people.

This new job arises out of the continued growth and development of this part of our business. The increasing complexity of these operations mean that we need to strengthen our management team with an experienced person who will take control of all day to day decisions and activities.

The main duties include:–

- ☐ Planning and scheduling of production
- ☐ Customer service and relations
- ☐ Cost accounting and financial controls
- ☐ Management information and control systems
- ☐ Training and development of staff
- ☐ Employee communications and industrial relations procedures

The successful applicant should have industrial management experience, preferably associated with agrochemicals or allied products with well developed administration and communication skills.

We offer a competitive salary, company car and other benefits as expected of a major international company, including re-location assistance if necessary.

An application form and further information can be obtained from:– Mrs. Anna Waddilove, Hoechst UK Ltd., Agriculture Division, East Winch Hall, East Winch, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE32 1HN, Tel: 0553 841581, ext. 25.

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- aged 28/40, based South East England
- broadline connector experience (i.e. Pole Connectors, RMTB's, PCB's, Ribbon Cable
- senior level selling/negotiating skills, hands-on experience coupled with the will and vitality to succeed in a competitive marketplace
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For further details, please telephone or write with full career details to:

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Please write in the strictest confidence to:
The Finance Director

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Please send details, quoting reference 267, to:-

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For further details, applicants, male or female, are invited to write enclosing full curriculum vitae to Bob Thorpe, STOKES THORPE & ASSOCIATES LIMITED, 1 Fairfield Avenue, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4AB, or telephone him on Staines (0784) 59048/9 (answer phone after hours).

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Technical Manager,
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Birchill Road,
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Corrosion Protective Coatings Engineer

Oil Platforms

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Candiates should possess at least an HNC in Chemistry, together with around 10 years experience in paint manufacturing, application and inspection. Membership of the Institute of Corrosion Science and Technology would also be advantageous.

An excellent salary is offered together with major international company benefits including a non contributory pension scheme, free restaurant and, where appropriate, generous relocation expenses.

Please write or telephone for an application form, quoting reference D/183 to:

Mrs. Janet Cormack,
Assistant Administration Officer,
BP Petroleum Development Limited,
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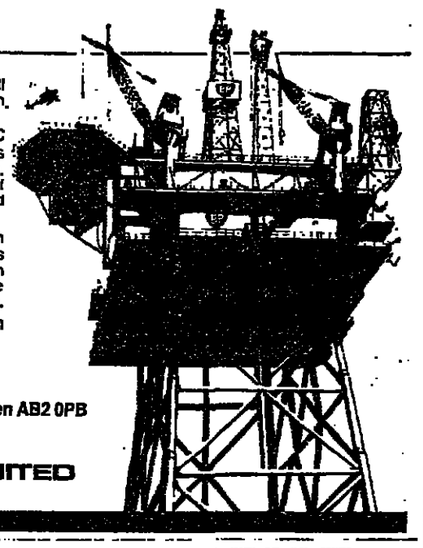

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The Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Challenging new opportunities

The expansion of our activities has created the following opportunities at the London Headquarters of the Institution. All positions offer competitive salaries and generous benefits including contributory pension scheme, free life assurance and BUPA.

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Open Learning (Ref: MSM)

The Institution, with Government support and funding, is setting up an Open Learning Centre with the aim of providing individual engineers and companies distance learning two material, through hire or purchase, on a wide variety of subjects of interest to engineers. A Marketing and Sales Manager is required to develop a marketing strategy.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone enthusiastic and highly motivated. The successful applicant should ideally be educated to degree level. Previous experience in marketing services or products will be an advantage.

Special Projects Officer (Ref: SPO)

An assistant to the Manager, Special Projects, whose responsibilities frequently relate to the development of new activities and policies, is currently being sought. The maiu duties of this new post will include the servicing of various committees, assembly and analysis of information, literature searches and general administration. Involvement with outside bodies, both at home and overseas, will also be necessary.

To meet our needs the successful applicant should have good communication skills, both oral and written and an inquiring mind. A technical background would be an advantage but is not considered as essential.

Training and Career Development (Ref: TCD)

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Applicants must be a Corporate Member of this Institution. Previous experience in a training capacity will not be required. Energy and motivation are key factors.

Applications for all three posts together with a C.V. giving full details of age, education and experience should be addressed to:

Personnel Officer
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The growth of sales and profitability of Fisons over recent years has been one of the success stories of the 80's. That sales growth has truly established us as leaders in the consumer and industrial markets that we serve. Continued commitment to growth in these areas has resulted in an expansion of our Professional Horticulture sales force.

As part of the expansion we are now looking for 3 Technical Salesmen/Women to grow our business in 3 Southern sales zones.

Reporting to the Regional Manager, you will form part of the regional team of 6. As such you will be responsible for generating growth in both existing and new accounts.

To meet our specifications you will probably be educated to 'A' level standard, capable of broad thinking and able to initiate action. Sales experience and knowledge of the Professional Horticulture market would be a considerable advantage though neither is essential. More important to us is that you are able to communicate effectively at all levels within an organisation. You will be able to discuss and understand our customers needs so as to sell effectively the full range of Fisons products.

The attractive salary is complemented by a benefits package which includes a 1.6 litre Sierra, sales and profit sharing bonus schemes and subsidised PPP membership.

If you match our profile and have the personal qualities to succeed in a results orientated company get in touch now.

Telephone for further details and an application form, or send a comprehensive C.V. to:–
Roger Down, Personnel Officer, Fisons plc,
Horticulture Division, Paper Mill Lane,
Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4BZ.
Tel: Ipswich 830492.

FISONS Horticulture

ESTABLISHED AGENTS
HIGH QUALITY SOFT FURNISHINGS

Our client, a manufacturer of high quality soft furnishings and a member of an international textiles group, seeks an experienced agent to promote contract sales of an exclusive product range.

The successful candidate must be able to negotiate at the highest level and have a proven track record with established contacts in the Hotel and Contract soft furnishing field.

The excellent rates of commission reflect the importance of this position.

Written applications only, in the strictest confidence to:

Position (12345),
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Imperial Buildings,
Exchange Street East,
Liverpool,
L2 3MT.

Sales Manager

AP-DJ/Telerate is one of the world's leading companies in real time financial services.

We are a dynamic organisation, consistently achieving substantial growth in expanding markets. Our clients are banks, financial institutions and industrial corporations.

We currently seek a sales manager for the management of our German sales team based in Frankfurt.

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If you believe you meet this specification, please write quoting reference 1930/CW giving full personal details to the Charles Barker Group Limited, 30, Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4EA, who will forward applications in confidence to the Management Consultants who are are advising on this appointment.

CHARLES BARKER
ADVERTISING·SELECTION·SEARCH

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High Tax-Free Earnings in Saudi Arabia

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HNC level mechanical engineering with 8 years' experience mainly in shipbuilding or repair. Will be responsible for providing technical guidance in operations, design and maintenance of warship machinery systems. Ref: 8C/EMM.

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Ref: 8C/EE.

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Ref: 8C/PSS.

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Responsible for developing electrical/electronic QA policy and procedures at the Naval Ship Repair Facility. Degree/HNC level in electrical/electronics engineering with 10 years' practical experience in industrial work standards, with at least 4 years in the electrical/electronics field. Ref: 8C/SES.

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DESIGN ENGINEER
c £9,500

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Highly subsidised staff restaurant.
Pension and life assurance schemes.
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The Personnel Manager, Kango Wolf Power Tools Ltd., Hanger Lane, Ealing W5 1DS. Tel.: 01-998 2911.

KANGO WOLF

A member of the Dobson Park Industries Group

Employee Relations Managers — £13,000 plus

The Company	Birds Eye Wall's, a Unilever company, employs some 14,000 people in the UK, with a turnover in excess of £400m., and are the market leaders in both frozen foods and ice cream.
The Job	Due to internal promotions, we are looking for two Employee Relations Managers, to join an established Personnel team.
The Future	We are part-way through an £80m investment programme to rationalise and develop the whole of our production, sales and distribution facilities.
The Training	If successful, you will initially join the Personnel Project Team to familiarise you with the Company and make an immediate contribution to the investment programme.
The Career	Within 12 months, you will be appointed as an ER Manager at one of our major Sites or Divisions. You must have the potential for Site Personnel Manager at minimum, responsible for the whole function locally.
The Qualifications	Relevant practical experience is essential. Qualifications are desirable, plus evidence of potential. Personal mobility is vital.
The Conditions	Salary will reflect ability and experience and the benefit package is fully competitive.

If you are interested, please write with brief career details to:
Mr. G. I. Williams,
Company Personnel Development & Training Manager,
Birds Eye Wall's Limited,
Station Avenue, Walton-on-Thames,
Surrey KT12 1NT.

BIRDS EYE — Walls

Production Management

Metals, Alloys and Chemicals

Salary c.£12,000

Based at Rainham, Essex, Murex is a world leader in the processing of ores, concentrates and residues for a wide range of applications.

We now wish to strengthen our production team and seek a graduate with relevant experience to take responsibility for a chemical plant.

To qualify, you must combine a degree in chemistry/chemical engineering/metallurgy with around 3 years' industrial experience.

Salary is negotiable in line with qualifications and experience. Benefits are those you expect of a major group and include relocation expenses where appropriate.

Please write with full career details or telephone for further information and an application form to Tony Clark, Personnel & Training Manager, Murex Limited, Ferry Lane, Rainham, Essex RM13 9DP. Telephone 04027 53322.

MUREX LIMITED

UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY

With Your Energy and Our Energy...

Winfrith is a multi-disciplinary research and development establishment, one of seven operated by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. Winfrith's varied work programmes encompass nuclear research in support of the UK's Nuclear Power Programme and contract research for Industry and Government Departments employing a wide range of nuclear and non-nuclear techniques. The establishment is located near the Dorset coast within reach of Bournemouth, Dorchester and Weymouth.

We are currently seeking a Professional Instrument Engineer and two Operations Engineers for nuclear reactor work and a Professional Electrical Engineer for the Engineering Services Branch.

REACTOR ENGINEERS

Among Winfrith's major facilities are the Winfrith Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor (SGHWR) which exports up to 92 MW electrical output into the National Grid, earning revenue in excess of £10M a year, and two low power research reactors serving the needs of the Scientific Divisions in such areas as radiation shielding and criticality experiments and instruments and materials testing.

OPERATIONS ENGINEERS

Our Materials Technology Division has vacancies for reactor engineers to run the site's two low power nuclear research reactors. Each reactor is the responsibility of a Reactor Engineer supervising all engineering aspects of its safe operation and maintenance to meet the requirements of the experimental programmes. We are seeking professional engineers who can demonstrate the ability to meet the technical, managerial and administrative requirements of experimental reactor operations. Prior experience of reactor operations is not essential, but experience in a related field such as the design of reactors and associated equipment would be an asset.

Applicants should hold an Honours Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering or Corporate Membership of a Senior Professional Institution. Both posts carry salaries within the range £11,220–£13,665 per annum, depending on experience.

INSTRUMENT ENGINEER

The Reactor Operations Division, responsible for the safe and economic operation of SGHWR, has a vacancy for an Engineer to work on all aspects of the instrumentation and control associated with the SGHWR and the generating plant. The job covers preparation for repair, maintenance and plant modifications and supervising the permanent workforce of technicians and craftsmen. During annual shutdown periods this will involve supervising contractors.

We are looking for an Engineer who can meet new technical demands, is able to utilise the resources of a major technological organisation in solving challenging problems, and has the ability to collaborate effectively with professional and technical staff.

Applicants should hold an appropriate Honours Degree and Corporate Membership of an appropriate Professional Institution would be an advantage.

The post carries a salary within the range £7,405 to £10,880 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

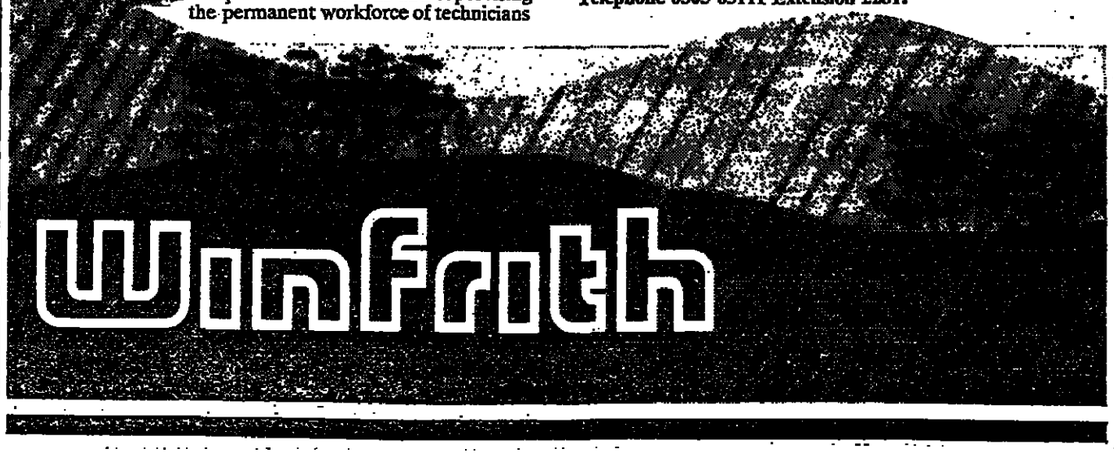
Engineering Services Branch is responsible for a wide range of functions essential to the Winfrith site including the operation, maintenance and modification of Electrical Services. These services include a high voltage (11 KV) power distribution system supplying industrial and experimental equipment and process plant and extensive heating, ventilating and air conditioning plant.

We are seeking an experienced Electrical Engineer who will ideally offer previous experience of HV power distribution, electrical installation and maintenance, and building and site services.

Applicants should hold an Honours Degree in Electrical Engineering. Corporate Membership of an appropriate Professional Institution would be an advantage.

Salary will be within the range £7,405 to £10,880 per annum, depending on experience.

Applicants for any of these positions, which may attract relocation assistance, should write for an application form to: **Appointments Board 'E', Personnel Branch, AEE Winfrith, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8DH. Telephone 0305 63111 Extension 2281.**



Winfrith

John Brown
Engineers & Constructors
leading contractors in Petro-Chem and Fine Chemicals

Our projected increased workload demands the recruitment for a limited number of permanent vacancies at our Portsmouth and Teesside Offices, in the following disciplines:-

Engineers

Heat Transfer
Thermal and mechanical design of shell and tube heat exchangers, air coolers and direct fired boilers and process heaters. Also familiarity with proprietary equipment and packaged plant associated with heat transfer in chemical and process plants.

Instrumentation
Design, specification and selection of instrumentation for process plant control including hazardous area application with associated experience in centralised computer control systems.

Mechanical Equipment
Seniors and also younger engineers with 2-3 years experience in a contracting or related manufacturing organisation. A broad engineering background with a strong interest in its commercial aspects is desirable.

Pressure Vessels
At least 3 years experience in contracting or vessel manufacturing industries.

Process
Seniors with at least 10 years experience and others with at least 5 years experience in process design of Petro-Chem Fine Chemicals Plant.

Senior Project Control/ Planning
Detailed planning, cost and material control for major projects involving engineering, procurement and construction. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in the use of micro computers.

Engineers/ Designers

Civil
Practical approach to design of structures, foundations and services; ability to draw, knowledge of standards and codes; experience in industrial projects an advantage.

Designers/ Draughtsmen

Piping & Plant Layout
Preferably with experience in computer aided design techniques.

Instrumentation/Electrical
Design and production of drawings for power distribution; cabling and lighting layouts; motor control circuits; field wiring; instrumentation control loops, and connection diagrams. Experience in CAD techniques preferred.

Senior Estimator
Working independently, or as a Team Leader, to prepare estimates for international projects involving engineering, procurement and construction. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in computerised estimating methods.

Senior Buyer
To negotiate complete orders and prepare contract conditions. Preference will be given to applicants possessing engineering qualifications.

Qualifications
Engineering Appointments — Chartered Engineers or Graduates. Other Appointments — HND/HNC or OND/ONC.

Both male and female applicants will be considered for these appointments. If you are confident of your ability to offer the necessary expertise that will enable you to make a positive contribution to our international reputation, then please send your CV or write giving full details of your career to:-

David Bennett, Personnel Manager, John Brown Engineers & Constructors Ltd., 1 Buckingham Street, PORTSMOUTH, Hants. PO1 1HN. Tel: Portsmouth (0705) 822300.

Engineering & Construction

JOHN BROWN

PROJECT MANAGERS & ENGINEERS
Paint Finishing Processes
Detroit/Kansas City/Atlanta
USA

Haden Schweitzer Corporation, a progressive member of the Haden Group of Companies, is seeking experienced Project Managers and other Engineers with in-depth experience of pre-treatment, electro-phoresis, spray booth and oven technology. These vacancies are due to a substantial expansion of our Company in the USA.

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experienced in managing large projects.
Project Engineer
experienced in E-coat systems.
Project Engineer
experienced in Phosphate systems.
Project Engineer
experienced in Facia (plastic) systems.
Conveyor Field Engineers
experienced in all forms of conveyor systems.
Construction Superintendent
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Control Field Engineer
experienced in automated computer control systems.

All candidates must be capable of working independently but still be able to work harmoniously within a close-knit team.

An excellent salary package will be offered to the successful candidates, providing them with a very wide range of benefits. Assistance with relocation will be provided. Initially, there will be a two year contract, married or single status, followed by opportunities for permanent employment.

If you feel you can meet the challenge inherent in these posts, and want to work in the U.S.A., why not find out more?

In the first instance, candidates should write, enclosing a c.v. to: Peter R. Clark, Haden Drysys International (Divisional Head Office), P.O. Box 14, 7-12 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LZ. Tel: 01-387 1288.

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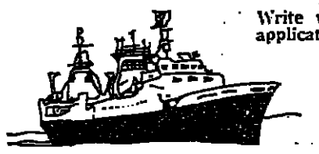
COMPUTER ENGINEERS —with experience in the maintenance of Dec Vax computers, telex, tape drives and FPS array processors.

RESEARCH GEOPHYSICISTS —with a minimum of three years' R & D work, allied to extensive field work and processing. The research should preferably have been related to processing, with emphasis on 3D techniques.

All the above positions will, initially, be based at our Head Office in Swanley, but the worldwide operations of the Horizon Group create many opportunities to work overseas.

Salaries will depend upon experience, and company benefits include a pension and free life assurance scheme, free membership of B.U.P.A. and permanent health insurance.



Write with full details to, or obtain an application form from: The Personnel Department, Horizon Exploration Limited, Horizon House, Azalea Drive, Swanley, Kent BR8 8JR. Telephone: Swanley (0322) 68011

Offices in Buenos Aires, Houston, Jakarta, Madrid, Perth, Rio de Janeiro

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Office Systems Manager
c.£18,500

Westminster City Council has recently announced a move to IBM which will have ramifications throughout the organisation in terms of office automation. The new system will initially run in parallel with the Sperry mainframe.

A vacancy has arisen in this challenging environment for an Office Systems Manager who will lead a group spear-heading the thrust towards office automation. He will work closely with all departments of the City Council in order to help define their requirements and implement appropriate solutions. The post is within the Information Technology Group which has responsibility for all data processing on mainframe, mini and micro computers and word processing.

The person appointed will need to be aware of the market place in communications, word processing and office systems. Managerial experience in one of these areas is considered to be an important pre-requisite.

Please send full information of career to date to: Mike Haddow, Head of Information Technology Group, City of Westminster, Emanuel House, 10 Rochester Row, London SW1.

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QUANTITY SURVEYORS
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Conditions of employment are excellent and include Company car (where applicable), non-contributory pension scheme, free life assurance scheme and generous holiday entitlement.

Please write immediately, in confidence, giving full Curriculum Vitae details, to:-

Mrs J.M. Owen, Arnott Recruitment, Barton Arcade, Deansgate, Manchester M3 2BB

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Process Design Engineers
Offshore Oil & Gas

Worley Engineering Limited has established an excellent reputation in the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry over the past three years. We have successfully applied our Project Management skills and technical expertise to various engineering, design and construction projects throughout the world.

Our current workload and future prospects are such that it is now necessary to strengthen our Process Engineering Department by the appointment of high calibre engineers.

We would welcome applications from:-

Senior Process Engineers
With a minimum of 5 years experience of offshore oil and gas process engineering preferably gained within an engineering contractor organisation or an oil/chemical company. You must be qualified to degree level and be in the age range 28 to 55 years.

Process Engineers
With a minimum of 2 years experience within an Oil, Chemical, Engineering or High Technology company or engineering contractor organisation. You must be qualified to degree level and be in the age range 24 to 30 years.

An appreciation of the economics of Oil and Gas field development and production and the ability to participate in feasibility studies and process development is desirable.

Worley offers a benefits package which is comparable with that of its competitors in the Oil & Gas Industry and attractive salaries are available to the successful candidates.

Please telephone for an application form or write enclosing your CV to:-
Mr. R. Stretford, Worley Engineering Ltd, Worley House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 4HJ.
Telephone 01-889 3171.

Worley Engineering Limited is an equal opportunity employer

Worley

COMMISSIONING PERSONNEL—INDIA
COAL AND GAS FIRED BOILERS

Our client, a major international manufacturer and contractor in the energy field, has installed and is now commissioning boiler equipment at two remotely situated fertilizer plants in India. The sites are at Thal and Hazira in the Bombay area and the plant at each comprises three 275 tonne hour boilers. To help control and assist in the commissioning phase the following senior personnel are urgently required.

SITE COMMISSIONING MANAGER
To be totally responsible, through Site Commissioning Engineers for organising, managing and controlling the commissioning of boilers and associated plant at his assigned site. To liaise closely with the Project Director and the Client ensuring that time, cost and contractual parameters are met. A willingness to be personally involved, including shift duties if required, is essential.

SITE COMMISSIONING ENGINEER — COAL
To be responsible for the detailed commissioning activities of the coal-fired plant at the Thal site, working with a team of professional commissioning engineers and co-ordinating and monitoring the work of sub-contractors.

Candidates, qualified in mechanical engineering, should possess a sound practical background with management experience in the commissioning of boilers in the power plant or industrial fields.

These positions are available on either a staff or contract basis. An excellent salary and benefits package will be offered.

Please send details, quoting reference 269, to:-

Executive Career Limited
Search & Selection Consultants
Redgrove House, 41 Lodge Road, Croydon CR0 2PH
Telephone: 01-684 6103

Senior Lecturers

Royal Naval College, Greenwich

These opportunities are in the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology which provides academic training for naval and civilian officers involved in the naval nuclear propulsion programme. The Department runs courses at various academic levels and of various lengths from short introductory courses to a one year MSc (CNAA) in Nuclear Science and Technology and also conducts research into some aspects of naval nuclear propulsion.

Successful candidates will lecture in one or more of the following: emergency planning and response, hazards of non-ionising radiations, reactor materials technology and atomic and nuclear physics. There is also a further vacancy for a lecturer in one of the following fields: reactor physics, radiological protection, fluid flow and heat transfer, pressure vessel design and analysis and modelling of dispersal of pollutants.

In addition, you will be assigned the normal range of teaching and administrative tasks of an academic appointment and will be encouraged to undertake research, for which the Department is well equipped.

Candidates, aged at least 25, should normally have a degree with first or second class honours, or an equivalent or higher qualification in physics, mathematics or another appropriate discipline plus at least 4 years' relevant experience in an academic, industrial or research establishment.

Starting salary (including £730 Outer London Weighting) in the range £10,055 – £12,780 according to qualifications and experience. Promotion prospects.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 22 March 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants. RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours).

Please quote ref: S/6437.

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GLC
Working for London

Engineering Services Co-ordinator — SE5

To co-ordinate the duties of on-site Engineers responsible for installations at GLC/ILEA premises and to supervise the implementation of Environmental Services Policy.

Engineering vacancies have traditionally been filled by men, but in line with the Council's positive approach to equal opportunities, we would particularly welcome applications from women, as well as men, for this post.

Applicants must have HNC/B TEC Higher Cert. in an Environmental Engineering discipline with at least 2 years' relevant experience or ONC with at least 4 years' experience as building services design/maintenance engineer or wide relevant experience. An apprenticeship or equivalent training within the Building Engineering Services is essential.

Salary: £11,325 - £13,065 inclusive.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

For an application form, to be returned by 15th March 1985, write to: GLC Department of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, Ref: 360, Room S722, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1294.

This post is suitable for job sharing

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c. £18,000 — **Home Counties**

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Applicants, aged 30-45, with a mechanical engineering background, will have successfully exercised senior management responsibility for sales & marketing to diverse industrial users internationally. In addition to developing marketing strategy to achieve overall Company objectives, the Marketing Director must be personally committed to selling the Company's products worldwide as well as motivating its sales force and distributors.

Benefits include car, profit-related bonus, pension, life assurance, private health and share option schemes: assistance will be given with relocation expenses to a delightful rural but very accessible location.

Applications in confidence to O.E.B. Hughes:
PETER NIGHTINGALE ASSOCIATES LTD.
Specialist Selection Consultants,
16 Regency Street, London SW1P 4DD.
Tel: 01-821 6229 (or evenings 089 278 288).

Egypt
3 × 315 MW Power Plant

A major US Company involved with construction start-up and operation has the following vacancies:-

Start-Up Engineers (Mechanical) HNC or equiv.	**Ref: 55B/ENG**
Operators	**Ref: 55B/OP**
Electrical Technicians	**Ref: 55B/ET**
Instrument Technicians	**Ref: 55B/IT**

A minimum of 5 years' steam power electrical generating plant experience is essential.

Based in Cairo, Egypt, the package includes top salaries, food and accommodation, transport, laundry, and paid UK leave.

For more details and interview, send career details quoting appropriate reference, to Webb Whitley Associates Ltd., International Recruitment Consultants, 45 Kensington High Street, London W8 5ED.

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£10k BASE — **£20k plus OTE**

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Based in Central London, executives will be judged on ability and results and we are only interested in meeting those with real potential. Our client offers a substantial guaranteed salary and bonus incentives will make £20k achievable. Above average results will attract considerably higher income and there is no upper ceiling on earnings. A car will be provided.

To join a market leader and the largest independent safe deposit company in Europe, applicants are invited to send their detailed CV to:

RHB ROLINSON HALL & BROWN
77 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9DB
Search and Selection Consultants

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Personal Computers Limited, the country's longest established personal computer supplier to business have a vacancy for a Buyer/Administrator.

Exciting position for person who is self motivated, able to work under pressure and who preferably has had previous experience of micro related purchasing.

In the first instance send your C.V. to Adrian Jax, Personal Computers Limited, 220-226 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4JS

Management Accountant

The group has an unbroken record of successful growth achieved organically and by acquisition. It is now one of the country's largest privately owned companies with extensive and diverse interests in the United Kingdom, United States of America and continental Europe. Its entrepreneurial style and strong asset base form a sound platform for ambitious future expansion.

The post involves the control and appraisal of group financial management information on a closely scheduled basis. The successful candidate will be part of Heron's central management team and will report to the Finance Controller.

A salary commensurate with this important position is offered together with usual fringe benefits.

Applications should be in writing and should be sent to:

The Financial Controller,
Heron International PLC,
Heron House, 19 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JL

HERON

DESIGNERS

Due to the re-location of Britax Central Research and Development from Birmingham to Britax Division headquarters in Chichester, the following personnel are required:

A Senior Mechanisms Designer with experience in the automotive industry, capable of taking charge of a small design and development team. The successful candidate will be an original thinker with patented designs and capable of instructing prototype model makers with layout and detailed drawings as necessary.

A Small Mechanisms Designer with good draughting ability and capable of producing development drawings.

Both the above candidates will be required to maintain contact and co-operation with other companies within the Group and travel is likely to be involved both in the U.K. and abroad.

Please write with full details to:
J. A. R. BURNETT, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, BRITAX (WINGARD) LTD., CHANDLER ROAD, CHICHESTER, WEST SUSSEX PO19 2UG.

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'GAZETTE' 8-13 FOR CHAMPION AFTER KELSO

By HOTSPUR

BOTH the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle have an unusually one-sided look with the Cheltenham Festival still two weeks away. Browne's Gazette's easy Kelso win yesterday confirmed his status as a short-priced favourite.

The usual scare-mongering led to some bookmakers suspending betting on the Champion Hurdle for a while yesterday. Suggestions that Browne's Gazette was not at his best were dispelled with a facile win in the Morebattle Hurdle.

Allten Glazed may not compare with Desert Orchid and See You Then. Browne's Gazette's closest victims in the Ladbrokes Christmas Hurdle, the race which confirmed his status as undisputed favourite.

But Mick Naughton's hurdler has a sufficiently imposing record in handicaps to prove a worthwhile trial opponent at this stage of the campaign. The 20-length margin between the pair at Kelso represents a fine warm-up effort for Mrs Monica Dickinson's brilliant jumper.

Dermot Browne, who in his amateur days owned Browne's Gazette, allowed his mount to lead five flights from home, and then the gelding treated racegoers to a rare exhibition of class.

He is 13-8 on, from 11-8 on, to collect the first hurdles championship for the Dickinson family, and give Mrs Dickinson an accomplishment denied both husband Tony and son Michael during the time they held the licence.

Michael Dickinson, of course, mopped up most of the important 'chasing prizes and Badsworth Boy, whom he saddled to win the last two runnings of the Queen Mother Champion 'Chase, runs under top-weight in today's Sidbury Limited Handicap 'Chase at Worcester.

This race has occasionally provided less than riveting interest, although Observe's odds-on success 12 months ago was notable in that it took John Francome to the 1,000-winner mark.

Badsworth Boy may be at backable odds today, for he concedes 21lb to the useful Classified, whose last victory at Cheltenham was achieved under a big weight.

Badsworth Boy's stamina may well be stretched by the distance of two and a half miles, but he relaxes in the early stages, and Robert Earnshaw should be able to conserve enough energy for him to utilise his devastating finishing burst.

Gallaher, reappearing after a long absence, Acarine, Jo Colombo and Fire Drill, all worse treated than in a conventional handicap, still have sufficient ability to make this a searching test for Badsworth Boy.

Majestic Lad, most impressive when completing an Ayr double last time, is napped for the Manitou Novices' Hurdle Qualifier at Wetherby. The Harewood-trained A Sure Row appears the principal threat.

Sheikh Mohammed's five-year-old mare Air Distingue, whose antics in the Nassau Stakes in 1983 brought Willie Carson a lengthy suspension, is back in action on the track in the United States.

After her campaign from Dick Hern's stable, she was mated with Blushing Groom, but she lost her foal and went into training last autumn with Charlie Whittingham in California.

Last week she ran second in a six-furlong race, finishing strongly after a slow start. Whittingham plans a programme in the top turf races for this talented mare, with the Breeders' Cup in November as a long-term objective.

TODAY'S WETHERBY SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
1.45—Majestic Lad (nap)	1.45—Majestic Lad (nap)	1.45—Mariners Dream
2.15—Permabos	2.15—Permabos	2.15—Newlife Connection
2.50—Crammond Brig	2.50—Chetel	—
3.20—Troilena	—	3.20—TROILENA (nap)
3.50—Cold Snap	3.50—Melodic Lad	3.50—Kikori
4.25—Try To Stop Me	—	4.25—Try To Stop Me

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Majestic Lad and Permabos

TONY STAFFORD.—Ten Below (2.30 Worcester)

Tugboat, the winner, leads Rufus T Firefly over the last flight in yesterday's E Coomes Handicap Hurdle at Plumpton.

Course Notes & Hints

MAJESTIC LAD BEST OF DAY

By Our Course Correspondent

MAJESTIC LAD*, who has won his last two races at Ayr in impressive fashion, is expected to complete his hat-trick in the Manitou Novices' Hurdle Qualifier (1.45) at Wetherby today.

Mick Lambert's four-year-old showed a good turn of speed to beat Vimys Pet by eight lengths, with the remainder at least 10 lengths adrift, over two miles last time.

Majestic had made most of the running to land the odds in his previous race over today's distance of two and a half miles and may be better suited by the longer trip.

Chetel, who lost his chance with a bad blunder at the last fence in a 'chase at Carlisle earlier this month, may make amends in the Micklethwaite Handicap Hurdle (2.50).

Permabos, a useful hurdler, is fancied to make a winning first appearance over fences in the Klix Drinks Novices' 'Chase (2.15), and **Melodic Lad** can score on his seasonal debut in the Aberford Hunters Chase' (3.50).

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WORCESTER

Course Winners.—2.30 (3m 'ch): Royscript (2½m hdle), Sam Benson (2½m hdle), Brown Veil (2½m hdle). 3.0 (2½m 'ch): Badsworth Boy (2m hdle; 2m 'ch), Gambling Prince (3m 'ch), Jo Colombo (2m 'ch), Fire Drill (2m hdle four times; 2m 'ch). 4.0 (3m 'ch): Solntulla Boy (3m 'ch), Prince Rowan (2½m 'ch), Play The Knave (2m hdle; 2½m 'ch), Giddycan (2½m 'ch), Jecko (3m 'ch twice). 5.0 (2¼m hdle): Le Levador (2m hdle), Route March (2m hdle), Incandesce (2m hdle).

Jockeys (since August, 1979).—Scudamore 44, Francome 32, H. Davies 26, A. Webber 22, Morshead 20, Linley 19, McCourt 11, Smith Eccles 10, C. Smith 9, Steve Knight 8, P. Richards 8, Barton 6, Crank 6, G. Davies 6, Webb 6.

Trainers.—Nicholson 24, Forster 23, Kennard 21, Jenkins 14, F. Winter 13, M. Tate 12, Holder 11, Id 11, Bradley 10, F. Walwyn 9, Webber 9, Spearing 8, Thorne 8.

First Bout opens on winning note

FIRST BOUT, who has been laid to lose £100,000 by William Hill in the Triumph Hurdle, made a successful first apearance over hurdles at Plumpton yesterday, and is now 10-1 fourth favourite for Cheltenham.

Although he jumped well and won the Catford Novices' Hurdle (Div. II) by six lengths, his big-race price does not reflect the strength of yesterday's modest opposition.

Trainer Nick Henderson said: "That's a relief. One race at *Plumpton is an odd preparation* for the Triumph, but his jumping was excellent and we might as well have a crack at the Festival.

"He suffered a liver complaint and as a result has done only one piece of work for me. I can't understand how people could have backed him from the Triumph on the strength of that."

Francome treble

John Francome completed a 54-1 treble in the three 'chases on Sommelier, The Somac and Doll Lars, all for different trainers. On Doll Lars he was a late replacement for Paul Croucher, who injured a shoulder in a first-fence fall from Henry Ford in the previous race.

Two Welsh Grand National winners, Righthand Man and Peaty Sandy, had a keen tussle in the Hamilton Memorial Handicap 'Chase at **Kelso**, with Righthand Man battling home for a short-head victory to maintain his unbeaten record in four races this season.

"The owner would like to see Righthand Man go for the Gold Cup at Cheltenham," said winning trainer Mrs Monica Dickinson.

Peaty Sandy is owned and trained by Helen Hamilton, whose family sponsored the race. She said: "Peaty Sandy goes in the Grand National provided the going is soft."

Hills retain Righthand Man at 25-1 for the Gold Cup, but they reduced Peaty Sandy's price for Aintree from 33-1 to 25-1.

Hills and Ladbrokes shortened Mr Snugfit from 33-1 to 25-1 for the National after he had won the Long Eaton Handicap 'Chase at Nottingham by 12 lengths, but the eight-year-old has 8st 10lb at Aintree and is not certain to get into the line-up.

"We are relying on 16 horses above him dropping out," said owner Adrian Greenwood. "Imagine how I feel with a horse like him and Phil Tuck to ride, and not knowing whether they will be able to compete."

Tuck's twosome

The Stewards inquired into the poor performance of Midday Gun, who won at Warwick three weeks earlier but yesterday was eighth of the nine finishers. Jockey Anthony Webber said the race was run too fast for his mount, who lost enthusiasm and would not respond to his efforts. His trainer-father John could offer no other explanation, and this was accepted.

Tuck and Mr Snugfit's trainer Mick Easterby completed a 53-1 double with Mick's Star in the Ladbrokes Handicap Hurdle.

Golden Ty, second at Doncaster on Saturday, went one better with a 10-length victory in the Dingley Dell Hunters' 'Chase. Little Owl reappeared after a 13-months absence, was in the lead at the third-last fence but weakened to finish sixth.

Point-to-Point

Gayle Warning's attempt at Aintree in balance

By DAVID WELCH

GAYLE WARNING, regarded by many as the hunter-'chaser with the best chance of winning the Grand National since Grittar in 1982, is in danger of having to miss this year's big race.

John Dudgeon's 11-year-old gelding reappeared successfully in Saturday's Lanark and Renfrew Open at Bogside, but the following day showed signs of a recurrence of an old injury to his near-hind fetlock.

Dudgeon is still hopeful he can produce Gayle Warning fit for Aintree, where he won last year's Foxhunters' over the National fences. He was placed in the two previous runnings.

'Not true form'

But Dudgeon concedes that time is running out, and says the gelding's subsequent soreness probably accounted for his lack-lustre performance on Saturday, when he won by half a length in a slow time.

"He wasn't completely wound up," said Dudgeon, "but I must admit it wasn't his true form. The horse is still trotting lame and I don't really know how long he will have to be off work."

He added: "If I can't get him right for his preliminary races at Ayr and Kelso, or if the tendon blows up again, then Aintree will be out."

There was considerably more joy in the Calder camp after the weekend's events.

Showing the benefit of frequent visits to the beach at Dunbar during the cold spell, Adam Calder's brothers Flying Ace and Flying Express landed a double in the hands of Doreen, his daughter.

Flying Ace underlined his enormous potential by beating the useful Navigational Aid in the fastest time of the day in the Ladies', but Flying Express nearly had success denied him in the Adjacent.

"It would have been rider error had I lost," said Miss Calder with engaging honesty. "I was taking things too easily and just didn't see John Bradburn coming on Red Garnet."

Flying Express, who held on to win by a short head, runs again today in the Audi qualifier at the Friar's Haugh rearranged Berwickshire fixture. He will be ridden by John Grassick, while Miss Calder rides Flying Ace in the Ladies' and newcomer Eye Valley in the Members'.

Riding honours at Saturday's only other meeting, Lemalla's Bolventor Harriers fixture, went to John Pitts with a double in the last two races.

Seal Marine, the second of his winners, was backed from 20-1 to 3-1 in the Maiden. This takes some understanding if previous form is the sole criterion, but Seal Marine is a well-bred half-sister to the talented 'chaser Rhyme N Reason, and her dam Smooth Lady is a half-sister to the Grand National winner, Hallo Dandy.

Bararden scores

Pitts' other win was in the Restricted with Buck's Mill, on whom he gained his only two successes last year. On the second occasion Bucks Mill, an impressively-built son of Sherry Fizz who comes from the same family as Arkle, beat Bararden by four lengths.

On Saturday Bararden went one better when gaining his anticipated success in the Ladies' for Mandy Turner, last year's winner of the women's section in the Grand Marnier novice riders' award.

Stephen West, who narrowly failed in the mens' section of the novice championship, won Saturday's Open on Phil Grey.

TODAY'S FIXTURE

Berwick (Friars Haugh, 1m W. Kelso) 1.30 p.m.

WORCESTER CARD & RIDERS

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
2. 0—Aziano	2. 0—Aziano
2.30—Derycan	2.30—Royscript
3. 0—Stars And Stripes	3. 0—Mearlin
3.30—Badsworth Boy	3.30—Badsworth Boy
4. 0—Prince Rowan	4. 0—Play The Knave
4.30—Cottage Run	4.30—Torymore Green
5. 0—Le Levador	5. 0—Le Levador

Advance official going: GOOD TO SOFT

2.0: FERRY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) £958 2m (22 declared)

6 2 Aziano, D. Nicholson, 5 11-2 ... P. Scudamore
7 Beltane The Smith, J. Thorne, 5 11-2 ... Mr N. Dun (4)
13 F04- Crumpet Catcher, D. Richards, 9 11-2 ... Mr M. Richards (7)
15 8/04240 Dragon Palace, D. Elsworth, 7 11-2 C. Brown
18 0 Geranl, J. Edwards, 5 11-2 ... P. Barton
27 040 John's Secret, K. Bridgwater, 6 11-2 ... W. Worthington (7)
28 0 Last Enemy, J. Webber, 5 11-2 G. McCourt
32 00 Manserin, T. Hall, 5 11-2 ... R. Crank
33 4030 Manlender, M. Tate, 5 11-2 S. Smith Eccles
37 0F-5 One-T-Corbet, Lord Shrewsbury, 6 11-2 ... P. Warner
46 434 Star Of Arabia, Mrs J. Pitman, 6 11-2 ... M. Pitman (7)
50 008 Taylorstown (BF), J. Jenkins, 5 11-2 ... J. Francome
55 0 Tixall Boy, W. Clay, 6 11-2 ... S. J. O'Neill
60 FF-00 Valrory's Clown, Mrs H. Dowson, 7 11-2 ... P. Nicholls
68 R0 Lady Brooklyn (BL), A. Barrow, 5 10-11 ... R. Hoare
69 Lady Wrekin, R. Pocock, 5 10-11 A. Carroll
76 P Porto Irene, D. C. Tucker, 5 10-11 ... N. Coleman (4)
91 Modes, A. James, 4 10-8 ... —
96 04 Pearl Run, G. Price, 4 10-8 ... —
99 0 State Budget, W. Musson, 4 10-8 ... C. Smith
104 09 Winning Flash, M. Scudamore, 4 10-8 ... M. Williams
106 Bellekino, D. Wintle, 4 10-5 ... C. Smith

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Aziano, 4 Taylorstown, 5 Winning Flash, 13-2 Bellekino, 8 Star Of Arabia, Dragon Palace, 12 State Budget, 14 others.

2.30: FORT ROYAL NOVICES' HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,664 3m (18)

3 P33123 Emmason, J. Spearing, 10 11-9 S. Morshead
5 F30-1U0 Derycan (D), Lady Herries, 9 11-5 ... Mr T. Thomson Jones
7 P43112 Royscript (C) (D), J. Chugg, 8 11-1 P. Dever
9 0-01030 Only For Love, D. Nicholson, 6 10-12 ... P. Scudamore
12 0-33201 Greenore Pride (D), P. O'Connor, 8 10-8 ... H. Davies
14 0F-00FP Magic Mouse, J. Colston, 9 10-7 ... Mr T. Stephenson (7)
15 333-002 Spanish God, C. Popham, 10 10-5 N. Fears (7)
16 00-03 Steve Lane, N. Henderson, 6 10-3 ... J. White
19 04PBP1 Monkton Hill, P. Dufosee, 6 10-3 R. Dunwoody
20 4P00/3F- Sam Bennion (C), M. Whitsmith, 10 10-2 ... B. Powell
21 02/F4-0P Broughton Lad, R. Chugg, 12 10-1 R. Pusey (4)
23 30-0041 Noble Patrol, C. James, 11 10-0 G. McCourt
25 02-332P Seven Acres, D. Wintle, 7 10-0 Mr N. Babbage
26 3002/P-3 Prince Bal, R. Champion, 9 10-0 ... R. Rowe
28 PD-0PPF Blue Speckle, K. White, 7 10-0 ... A. Webb
32 05-0032 Halation's Flair, Miss P. Neal, 10 10-0 ... R. Hoare
34 0/0020P Ten Below, Lady Herries, 7 10-0 M. Kinane
35 0044/43 Brown Veil (C), R. Armytage, 10 10-0 ... A. Webber

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Emmason, 4 Derycan, 11-2 Royscript, 15-2 Greenore Pride, 8 Only For Love, Brown Veil, 12 Monkton Hill, Spanish God, 14 others.

3.0: VOWCHURCH COURT STUD CRUISE MISSILE NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) £1,717 2½m (25)

1 00-3141 Mearlin, J. Old, 6 11-7 ... —
2 42-10 Katie Mac (D), G. Richards, 7 11-0 N. Doughty
3 -83-2251 Stars And Stripes, R. Frost, 6 11-0 J. Frost
6 0-P0 Another Space, Mrs S. Davenport, 6 10-7 —
8 F40 Baritude, Mrs M. Rimell, 7 10-7 S. Morshead
9 2 Bootleggers Moll, A. Bailey, 5 10-7 A. Carroll
10 000 Cancheman, Mrs J. Barrow, 6 10-7 Peter Hobbs
12 PF-000 Clair Soleil, Mrs J. Croft, 5 10-7 R. Dickin
14 00P0 Dolbeare Lass, Miss P. Neal, 7 10-7 R. Hoare
17 0 Fernessa, M. Henriques, 5 10-7 ... G. Charles-Jones (4)
18 0 Gay Rhythm, D. Elsworth, 5 10-7 C. Brown
21 P00093 Irish Corn, D. Carey, 5 10-7 ... Lorna Vincent
23 P Ivy Royal, P. Bomford, 6 10-7 R. Dunwoody
23 PP Lincombe Lass, F. Yardley, 6 10-7 C. Smith
24 4 Liquer Candy, J. Webber, 6 10-7 G. McCourt
25 2P Little Anthem (BF), N. Henderson, 5 10-7 ... C. Mann
26 UU-00 Little Khan, J. Johnson, 6 10-7 ... A. Webber
27 2-34202 Majuba Road, D. Barons, 5 10-7 ... H. Davies
29 00 Merry Cherry, Mrs W. Sykes, 6 10-7 ... P. Scudamore
32 0P Ms Storeen, K. Dunn, 5 10-7 ... —
36 0 Premier Susan, S. Christian, 7 10-7 K. Mooney
39 B141BU Silva Linda (BF), F. Winter, 7 10-7 B. de Haan
40 Sany Purlone, Mrs G. Jones, 5 10-7 J. Burke
43 FU0 Tory Member, Mrs M. Rimell, 8 10-7 ... A. Sharpe
45 00000/0 Vulgan's Honor, O. O'Neill, 7 10-7 A. Webb

Another Space non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 Mearlin, 9-2 Stars And Stripes, 6 Silva Linda, Majuba Road, 15-2 Katie Mac, 10 Gay Rhythm, Liquer Candy, 12 Little Anthem, 16 others.

3.30: SIDBURY LIMITED HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,599 2½m (9)

1 F1111-1 Badsworth Boy (C), Mrs M. Dickinson, 10 12-0 ... R. Earnshaw
2 4-31231 Classified (D), N. Henderson, 9 10-7 ... S. Smith Eccles
3 23103- Gallaher (D), F. Walwyn, 9 0-7 ... K. Mooney
5 B1241 Acarine (D), P. W. Harris, 9 10-7 R. Strange
8 211000 Gambling Prince (C) (D), Mrs G. Jones, 12 10-7 ... J. Burke
10 1P0/110- Final Argument (D), G. Richards, 9 10-7 ... D. Coakley (4)
12 00P-121 Jo Colombo (C), Mrs W. Sykes, 10 10-7 ... S. Morshead
15 34244-P Palmyra-Court (D), B. Llewellyn, 9 10-7 —
15 0-324F1 Fire Drill (C), K. Bishop, 10 10-7 P. Richards

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Badsworth Boy, 7-2 Classified, 6 Acarine, 10 Gallaher, Jo Colombo, 12 Final Argument, 14 Gambling Prince, 25 Fire Drill, 50 Palmyra-Court.

4.0: MARK FIVE AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,507 3m (19)

1 0040-P0 Solntulla Boy (CD), Mrs H. Houlbrooke, 10 12-7 ... Mr T. Houlbrooke
2 201450- Fethard Friend, J. Edwards, 10 12-2 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
3 1/1G-P4F Prince Rowan (C) (D), Mrs M. Dickinson, 9 12-1 ... Mr B. J. Beggan
4 4-13034 Knock Hill (D), J. Webber, 9 11-7 ... Mr P. Webber
5 2-40400 Herr Capitan (D) J. Old, 9 11-7 Mr E. Whettam
6 3/152P-3 Gill O'Whiskey, P. S. Hewitt, 15 10-0 ... Miss P. Hewitt (7)
7 205102 Bashful Lad (D), M. Oliver, 10 11-0 ... Mr J. Weston
8 120IF1 Play The Knave (C) (D), P. Bailey, 8 10-13 ... Mr S. Sherwood
9 0P-05BP Giddycan (C), K. Bishop, 9 10-10 ... Miss J. Barrow (7)
13 0P0-000 Jecko (CD), D. Nicholson, 13 10-7 ... Mr P. Lawson (7)
14 P/0FP-P0 Druincondra (D), Mrs S. Talnton, 10 10-7 ... Mr G. Hanmer (7)
18 0-41040 Chelsea Island, W. Taylor, 10 10-7 ... Mr M. Bosley (7)
19 100-4U0 Rock Wood, B. Scriven, 9 10-7 ... Mr M. Bradstock (7)
20 4PP-0FP Royal Classic, D. Wintle, 8 10-7 ... Mr J. Wintle (7)
21 P Pitmavan (BL), B. Jackson, 8 10-7 ... —
23 P2-3330 Born Bossy, T. Bailey, 7 10-7 ... Mr B. Dowling (7)
24 FFP00F Portia's Last, J. Harris, 9 10-7 ... —
25 00/U4U0 Dutch Challenger, A. Hollingsworth, 8 10-7 ... Mr A. Denson (7)
27 0-3F0U Bowery Babe, C. Trietline, 10 10-7 ... Mr Des Williams (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Play The Knave, 4 Knock Hill, 6 Fethard Friend, Prince Rowan, 10 Bashful Lad, Solntulla Boy, Herr Capitan, 14 Gill O'Whiskey, 20 others.

4.30: FERRY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £958 2m (22)

9 04 Boardmans Style, A. Turnell, 7 11-3 ... Steve Knight
12 3 Cottage Run, D. Nicholson, 5 11-3 ... P. Scudamore
14 Douperry, W. Taylor, 5 11-2 ... J. Burke
19 04 Golden Delicious, D. Barons, 5 11-2 H. Davies
22 PP Headin' On, M. Eckley, 5 11-2 ... A. O'Hagen
25 2 Imperial Champagne, J. Thorne, 5 11-2 ... P. Dever
31 F Mafoo's Token, R. Holder, 5 11-2 P. Richards
40 040 Prince Sweet, G. Richards, 5 11-2 N. Doughty
45 Samsha, J. Thorne, 5 11-2 ... J. Hurst (7)
48 0 Superline, P. W. Harris, 6 11-2 R. Strange
49 P0 Tarr Steps, K. Dunn, 6 11-2 ... J. Frost
51 Ten Plus, F. Walwyn, 5 11-2 ... K. Mooney
56 0-34003 Torymore Green, J. Webber, 6 11-2 A. Webber
57 0 Troop The Colour, D. Nicholson, 5 11-2 ... M. Pitman (7)
62 000 Winterreise, M. Tate, 7 11-2 ... C. Smith
65 P Alpha Plus, T. Bailey, 5 10-11 ... Mr B. Dowling (7)
67 0 Colnside, W. Whiteman, 5 10-11 N. Fears (7)
75 0UP Nicola Louise, Mrs J. Pitman, 5 10-11 ... B. de Haan
88 30P Karabie, J. Spearing, 4 10-8 ... A. Webb
98 Quickstep, M. Pipe, 4 10-8 ... P. Leach
107 00 Celtic Dipper, A. Leighton, 4 10-5 S. J. O'Neill
109 0P Newton Park, D. Wintle, 4 10-5 ... A. Carroll

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Torymore Green, 4 Cottage Run, 5 Boardmans Style, 7 Imperial Champagne, 10 Golden Delicious, Mafoo's Token, Prince Sweet, 16 Ten Plus, 25 others.

5.0: GUILDHALL HANDICAP HURDLE £1,534 2¼m (26)

3 5111PF Kyoto, J. Jenkins, 7 11-7 ... H. Jenkins (7)
5 03300-0 Dodgy Future, S. Mellor, 5 11-1 ... M. Perrett
6 1000-00 Glen Road, J. Thorne, 5 11-1 ... P. Dever
8 334102 Le Levador (C), D. Wintle, 6 11-0 A. Carroll
9 2-0P030 Seagram, D. Barons, 5 11-0 ... H. Davies
10 211243 The Diplomat, D. Ringer, 7 11-0 S. McNeill
11 052220 Saratino (BL), L. Kennard, 5 11-0 B. Powell
13 2-00030 Jaymes, Mrs J. Pitman, 6 10-12 M. Pitman (7)
15 24-0222 Barnbeck, W. Price, 6 10-11 P. Croucher (4)
16 0-03032 Cawarra Lad, C. James, 6 10-10 A. Webber
17 100-01F Silver Maid (BF), M. Pipe, 6 10-9 P. Leach
18 02/1-0P4 Wearmouth, Mrs T. Pilkington, 9 10-8 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
22 123310 Little London (BF), T. Morton, 6 10-6 ... R. Dunwoody
23 44-003P Supper's Ready (BL), W. Morris, 7 10-5 ... W. Morris
24 P-00132 Boardmans Coronet, G. Richards, 7 10-4 ... N. Doughty
26 000000 Glasgow Central, B. Palling, 8 10-2 ... Mr P. Morgan
27 221054 Kitty Come Home, D. R. Tucker, 5 10-0 ... R. Earnshaw
28 3-03000 Route March (C), P. Pritchard, 6 10-0 C. Mann
30 34-3000 Incandesce (C), W. Clay, 6 10-0 S. J. O'Neill
31 0P010P Town Special, G. Thorner, 6 10-0 ... R. Trevor-Jones (7)
32 10-0500 Pip, B. Stevens, 5 10-0 ... C. Brown
33 0/00834 Turkoman (BL), D. Sasse, 6 10-0 M. Bowlby (7)
36 22-0000 Chalkies Pet, D. Wintle, 5 10-0 ... R. Hyett
38 05031/P- My Challenge, K. Bridgwater, 7 10-0 ... W. Worthington (7)
39 442-004 Prince's Drive, B. Palling, 7 10-0 ... C. Evans
41 0112-00 Slip Up, F. Gray, 5 10-0 ... G. Enright

S.P. FORECAST: 9-2 Silver Maid, 11-2 Le Levador, 13-2 The Diplomat, Barnbeck, 8 Cawarra Lad, Saratino, Kyoto, 10 Boardman's Coronet, 14 Dodgy Future, Glen Road, 20 others.

Wetherby runners, riders and form guide

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO FIRM

1.45: MANITOU NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) Penalty Value £2,108 2½m (22 declared)

1 11212F A SURE ROW (D) (BF) (Mrs A. Wallace), Mrs M. Dickinson, 6 11-11 ... G. Bradley
3 521310 EMO FOREVER (D) (A. McCluskey), M. H. Easterby, 5 11-8 ... A. Brown
4 00-00F1 FERGY FOSTER (F. Scott), W. A. Stephenson, 5 11-8 R. Lamb
5 5021 GLEN LOCHAN (Lady Cadogan), N. Crump, 5 11-8 C. Hawkins
8 10 AMBER HEIGHTS (BF) (T. McWhinnie), Denys Smith, 5 11-3 ... C. Grant
11 0P0 BISHOP'S ROYAL (BL) (S. Bowett), A. Potts, 5 11-3 J. Hansen (4)
14 0002F-P COUNT MIDAS (A. Watson), A. Watson, 6 11-3 ... A. Stringer
16 4-00020 DEMONIC (S. Marsh), R. Fisher, 6 11-3 ... M. Meagher (4)
17 0 DREADNOUGHT (J. Carden), J. Carden, 5 11-3 Mr J. Carden
21 05FP00 FROSTY TOUCH (Mrs E. Slack), Mrs E. Slack, 7 11-3 ... B. Storey
28 03233/P PATCHWORK SAINT (BL) (Mrs P. Watson), F. Watson, 7 11-3 ... P. Tuck
29 410132 ROMAN DUSK (D) (W. Lockey), J. Charlton, 5 11-3 ... Mr T. Reed (4)
32 22-0301 TABRIZ GOLD (Mrs E. Hamilton), I. Johnson, 6 11-11 ... —
36 0211 MAJESTIC LAD (D) (P.S.B. 'Racing' Ltd), M. Lambert, 4 11-1 ... P. A. Charlton
37 010011 MARINERS DREAM (D. Newton), R. Hollinshead, 4 11-1 ... J. O'Neill
40 0F0F0P CRESTA CROSSETT (E. Caine), E. Caine, 7 10-12 ... —
42 3-02044 HEARTBREAK HOTEL (Mrs B. Butterworth), Mrs B. Butterworth, 7 10-12 ... Mrs B. Butterworth
43 3-00000 LITTLE MITTENS (R. Barr), R. Barr, 7 10-12 ... —
47 0021 JOCA (Bousfield Joinery and Glass Co. Ltd), J. Parkes, 4 10-7 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
49 0 NORTHGATE VENTURE (N. Hartas), M. Ellerby, 4 10-7 ... Mr R. Morley
53 00 SIRUNDY (County Properties & Developments Ltd), C. Tinkler, 4 10-7 ... R. O'Leary
57 0 NIJANNA (P. Halsall), Ron Thompson, 4 10-2 ... R. Balfour (7)

Tabriz Gold, Little Mittens non-runners, state trainers.

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Mariner's Dream, 4 A Sure Row, 9-2 Majestic Lad, 8 Glen Lochan, 9 Emo Forever, Fergy Foster, 10 Roman Dusk, 14 Joca, 16 others.

1984: No corresponding race.

FORM GUIDE.—Fergy Foster beat Proud Con (rec 8lb) by 2l at Kelso (2m) Feb 1 (heavy going). Glen Lochan beat Boardmans Coronet (gave 1lb) by 1l at Ayr (2m) Feb 8 (good to soft). Majestic Lad beat Vimys Pet (gave 2lb) by 7l at Ayr (2m) Feb 9 (good). Mariners Dream beat Batten (gave 6lb) by 10l at Wincanton (2m) Feb 7 (good to soft). Joca beat Royal Bowler (gave 17lb) by 3l at Ayr (2½m) Feb 9 with Heartbreak Hotel (gave 12lb) a further 1¾l 4th and Frosty Touch (gave 17lb) a further 4½l 6th (good). Roman Dusk was beaten 2l by Strands of Gold (gave 4lb) at Carlisle (2½m) Jan 1 (soft). Emo Forever was beaten 17½l when 5th to Rising Forest (rec 5lb) at Sandown (2m 5f 75y) Jan 5 (good to soft), earlier Emo Forever was beaten 6l when 3rd to Fast Lady (rec 9lb) at Nottingham (2½m) Dec 3 with A Sure Row (rec 4lb) fell (good), previously A Sure Row was beaten 1½l by Glen Bator (rec 8lb) at Chepstow (2½m) Dec 1 (soft).

A MARINERS DREAM is preferred to Majestic Lad.

2.15: KLIX DRINKS NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,550 2½m 100y (9)

1 132114 NUMERATE (H. Littler), R. Fisher, 6 12-3 ... M. Meagher (4)
2 P31-031 NEWLIFE CONNECTION (C) (B. McMillan), W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-10 ... R. Lamb
3 3100-3F HARDY RANCH (W. Brett), O. Brennan, 6 11-3 ... M. Brennan
4 P04P JUPITER PRINCE (W. A. Stephenson), W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-3 ... Mr P. J. Dun
5 403-300 MARACAS BAY (BL) (Mrs J. Waggott), N. Waggott, 6 11-3 ... G. Bradley
8 041000 NARSINH (B. Barns), L. Lightbrown, 6 11-3 ... K. Sims (7)
9 3410P-3 PERMABOS (M. Walker), K. Stone, 6 11-3 ... A. Brown
10 00-004P CONWAY GROVE (N. Chamberlain), N. Chamberlain, 5 10-7 ... M. Pepper
14 00- COUNTRY PARK (M. Stevens), Mrs P. Stevens, 5 10-7 ... S. Keightley

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Newlife Connection, 5-2 Permabos, 4 Numerate, 6 Hardy Ranch, 10 Jupiter Prince, 14 others.

1984: (Sick'inghall Nov 'Ch) Grindals 6 11-8 P. A. Charlton 2-1F E. Carter, 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Newlife Connection beat Ballywell (level) by 12l at Catterick (3m 1f 20y) Feb 9 (firm). Permabos was beaten 23l when 3rd to Ballydurrow (2m) ... Oct 31 (good). Numerate was beaten 18½l ... at Newcastle (2m 120y hdle) ... Kelso (3m) Jan 9 (good to soft). Hardy Ranch when 4th to ... at Kelso (3m) ... was beaten 25l when 3rd to Sole Bu's ... at Stratford Feb 2, previously was beaten 25½l ... at Catterick (2m) Dec 31 (good to soft). Narsinh was beaten 25½l ... at Leicester (2m) Jan 28 (heavy) ... Hair (gave 7lb) ... (heavy).

NEWLIFE CONNECTION may win again. Numerate next best.

2.50: MICKLETHWAITE HANDICAP HURDLE £2,725 3m (11)

1 ... (D. Armstrong), A. Scott, 6 11-7 G. Bradley
3 2307-P0 MOSSMORRAN (CD) (D. ...), R. Brewis, 11 11-8 ... P. A. Farrell
3 441213 CHETEL (D) (R. Brewis), R. Bell, M. W. Easterby, 8 11-0 P. Tuck
6 1-1U3P4 FAIR-GO (BL) (C. Bell), M. W. Easterby, 8 11-0 ...
6 ... (Mr A. Harker), B. Wilkinson, 7 11-0 ... Mr G. Harker
7 0-01100 EBORACUM (C) (Mrs A. Harker), C. Parker, 10 10-13 D. Browne
8 1FF0/0-0 HAPPY VOYAGE (C) (S. Hartley), C. Parker, 10 10-13 D. Browne
8 ... M. W. Easterby, 8 10-11 ... M. Hindley (4)
9 0F-2311 CRAMMOND BRIG (W. Jackson), M. W. Easterby, 8 10-11 ... M. Hindley (4)
9 ... (Ryland Vehicle Group Ltd), R. Hollinshead, 5 10-0 ... J. O'Neill
21 F001 BARDSEY (Ryland Vehicle Group Ltd), ... J. O'Neill
21 ... P. Liddle, 7 10-0 ... G. W. Gray
22 0..0.. JOE'S FANCY (P. Liddle), P. Liddle, 7 10-0 ... G. W. Gray
22 ... G. Moore, 9 10-0 ... M. Hammond
24 ... GOTSKY (G. Dawes), G. Moore, 9 10-0 ... M. Hammond
24 ... (Lin Pac Containers Ltd), W. Kemp ... P. A. Charlton
25 FCG-.../0 ALWAYS LINPAC (C) (Lin Pac Containers Ltd), W. Kemp, 9 10-2 ... P. A. Charlton
25 0-00003 VICTORY MORN (Mrs E. Dixon), J. Dixon, 9 10-0 K. Doolan (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Crammond Brig, 100-30 Chetel, 5 Mossmorran, 8 Bally-Go, 10 Eboracum, Bardsey, 14 Joe's Fancy, 20 others.

1984: Bois Rouge 7 10-2 S. Morshead 7-1 Mrs W. Sykes, 18 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Crammond Brig beat Mayanocor (rec 3lb) by 12l at Ayr (2¾m) ... Bardsey beat Hand Me Down (gave 12lb) by 12l at Wincanton Jan 25 (soft). Bardsey beat Hand Me Down (gave 12lb) by 3l ... Joe's Fancy beat Pen Royal (gave 12lb) by 3l (2½m) Jan 25 (good to soft). Joe's Fancy with Victory Morn (rec 16lb) a further 10l 3rd at ... Feb 5 with Victory Morn ... Chetel was beaten 6l ... Always Linpac (rec 4lb) a further ... at Carlisle ... Feb 5 (soft). Previously when 3rd to Run 'N Fly (gave 1lb) by 3l at Newcastle (3m) Dec 1 (heavy). ... On Leave (gave 7lb) by 3l at Newcastle ...

CRAMMOND BRIG may complete a hat-trick. Chetel the danger.

3.20: EAST KESWICK HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,406 2m 50y (8)

1 1P/F301- NO BOMBS (CD) (Smallwell Stud Co. Ltd), M. H. Easterby, 10 12-7 ... J. O'Neill
2 113220 FOGGY BUOY (Ld Ronaldshay), P. Calver, 11 11-12 C. Grant
7 13-0P23 STRAIGHT DOWN (S. Green), N. Crump, 8 10-10 C. Hawkins
8 140211 TROILENA (CD) (R. Coml), R. Fisher, 9 10-9 J. D. Doyle (4)
9 12310 BIRSBY (Exors of late R. McDonald), R. McDonald, 11 10-6 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
10 232402 JIMMY CHIPS (W. Rawl), W. Raw, 8 10-4 ... B. Storey
12 102034 SAINT MUNN (BL) (T. Cullham), Mrs D. Cullham, 11 10-0 ... C. Pimlott
13 233-4P2 BRAHMS AND LISZT (D) (J. Parish), W. Charles, 9 10-0 ... M. Charles

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Troilena, 11-4 Straight Down, 4 No Bombs, 5 Foggy Buoy, 7 Birsby, 12 others.

1984: Ayerson 8 10-11 P. A. Charlton 4-1 W. Haigh, 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Troilena beat Polly's Pal (gave 11lb) by 4l at Carlisle (2m) Feb 5 (good to soft). Jimmy Chips was beaten 12l by Sommeried (rec 17lb) at Catterick (2m) Jan 1 (good to soft). Straight Down was distant 3rd to Blackfeet (gave 4lb) at Ayr (2m) Feb 8 (good to soft). No Bombs beat W Six Times (gave 23lb) by 12l over the course (2½m 100y) Jan 10 1984 (good). Birsby was beaten 15½l when 5th to Old Head (rec 8lb) at Hexham (2m) Oct. 24 with Straight Down (gave 8lb) a further 2l 6th (soft). Foggy Buoy was 7th of 10 to Half Free (gave 24lb) at Cheltenham (2½m) Nov 10 (soft).

TROILENA is on a handy mark. Straight Down next best.

3.50: ABERFORD HUNTERS' 'CHASE (Amateur Riders) £985 3m 100y (11)

2 P10F3-0 KIKORI (R. Bethell), R. Bethell, 10 12-0 ... Mr W. Bethell (7)
6 1P PP-P CAMP HILL (L. Oakes), L. Oakes, 9 11-7 ... Mr S. Roberts (7)
7 PF3204- MELODIC LAD (CD) (W. Lamarque), W. Lamarque, 10 11-7 ... Mr T. D. Smith (7)
8 3-BACK IN ACTION (L. Williams), D. Moorhead, 6 11-2 ... Mr E. Freeman (7)
9 F/30F04- BAWNEEN (Lady Renwick), Lady Renwick, 11 11-2 ... Mr T. Reed (4)
10 2/0F- BROTHER JACK (Mrs J. Bealby), Mrs J. Bealby, 9 11-2 ... Mr C. Bealby (7)
11 00P/F0 COLD SNAP (T. Easterby), M. H. Easterby, 8 11-2 Mr T. Easterby
13 P/ LITTLE BUDWORTH (Mrs P. Russell), Mrs P. Russell, 8 11-2 ... Mr D. Kinsella (7)
14 40542F/ LOMBARDY STAR (M. H. Easterby), M. H. Easterby, 8 11-2 ... Mr P. J. Dun
15 4F/4-0 MORETON (D. Brown), D. Brown, 11 11-2 ... Mr A. Rebori (7)
16 0-0 SCRUDGE (R. Russ), R. Russ, 9 11-2 ... Mr N. Jones (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Melodic Lad, 7-2 Kikori, 9-2 Cold Snap, 8 Moreton, 10 Brother Jack, 12 Lombardy Star, 16 Bawneen, 25 others.

1984: Youghal 8 11-8 Mr J. Greenall 11-10F W. A. Stephenson, 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Kikori was beaten 37l when 5th to City Boy (gave 2lb) at Huntingdon (2½m) Feb 7 (good to soft). Cold Snap was beaten 42l when 6th to Corked (gave 1lb) at Doncaster (2½m) Feb 23 (firm). Melodic Lad was beaten 50l when 4th to Earls Brig (gave 7lb) over the course and dist. May 28 with Camp Hill (rec 2lb) p.u. (good). Moreton was beaten 29l when 5th to E'mboy (gave 10lb) at Stratford (3¼m) Feb 2 (good to soft). Bawneen was beaten 49l when 4th to Bally-Go (gave 5lb) at Newcastle (3m) Dec 28 1983 (soft).

KIKORI is preferred to Melodic Lad.

4.25: HAREWOOD NOVICES' HURDLE £748 2m (25)

2 11 TRY TO STOP ME (CD) (A. Wilkinson), Denys Smith, 11-7 ... C. Grant
4 00130 CHEERFUL DAYS (D) (C. Gould), A. Scott, 11-0 ... G. Bradley
7 401 RIBOBELLE (CD) (T. Chandler), Ron Thompson, 10-9 ... Jayne Thompson (7)
9 004 BLACKWELL BOY (Mrs M. Lambert), M. Lambert, 10-7 ... P. A. Charlton
13 CEDAR HALL (Mrs K. Rhind), M. W. Easterby, 10-7 A. Dickman
14 COURT PRINCE (T. Astelrc), C. Tinkler, 10-7 ... R. Lamb
17 DRAGONADE (R. Davison), C. Booth, 10-7 ... S. Charlton
18 EMMETTS PROVIDENCE (J. Parshi), W. Charles, 10-7 M. Charles
19 P2 GIFTED GIFT (D. Lowe), K. Morgan, 10-7 ... S. Johnson
22 00 GUNNER ROYAL (I. Ridgeon), H. Wharton, 10-7 M. Brennan
23 HABAT'S MELODY (M. Vaughan), I. Vickers, 10-7 S. Keightley
25 0 HELLO GYPSY (M. Turner), C. Tinkler, 10-7 ... R. O'Leary
27 00 HOMETOWN (M. Shine), J. FitzGerald, 10-7 ... M. Dwyer
28 0 IN THE BREEZE (R. Gomersall), N. Tinkler, 10-7 N. Tinkler
30 3 MARLION (Mrs M. Grant), Miss S. Hall, 10-7 ... K. Teelan (4)
31 000 METCALFE FLEET (Chris Metcalfe Ltd), M. W. Easterby, 10-7 ... M. Hindley (4)
35 0 ROSEMAN (Mrs C. Shaw), J. Leigh, 10-7 ... P. Blackburn (7)
36 034 ROSSY FOR SPORT (H. Barker), A. Smith, 10-7 ... J. A. Harris
39 003F SAVOIR VIVRE (T. Wilson), M. W. Easterby, 10-7 ... P. Tuck
42 P00 SQUIRES GOLD (M. Dickinson), M. Dickinson, 10-7 ... —
44 THE CLOWN (G. Greenwood), M. Naughton, 10-7 D. Browne
47 02 COBBY CASTLE (J. Rampel), I. Johnson, 10-2 ... —
53 500P0 QUALITAIR PRINCESS (Qualitair Engineering Ltd), K. Stone, 10-2 ... J. O'Neill
54 REMAINDER WYN (R. Wakefield), K. Morgan, 10-2 ... —
55 0F SARITAMER LASS (T. Kersey), T. Kersey, 10-2 ... M. Bastard

Squires Gold, Cobby Castle non-runners, state trainers.

S.P. FORECAST: 4-5 Try To Stop Me, 5 Marlion, 7 Ribobelle, 8 Cheerful Days, 12 Rossy For Sport, 16 Savoir Vivre, 20 others.

1984: Jobroke 10-7 Mr T. Easterby 5-1 M. H. Easterby, 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Try To Stop Me beat House of Lords (gave 3lb) by 8l over the course and dist. Feb 2 with Marlion (rec 11lb) a further nk 3rd, Rossy For Sport (rec 7lb) a further 2l 4th, Qualitair Princess (rec 12lb) 11th and Gunner Royal (rec 14 lb) 16th of 25 (good to soft). Ribobelle beat Mr Heath (gave 22lb) by 1½l over the course and dist. Feb 2, with Roseman (gave 5lb) 11th, Hometown (gave 12lb) 12th and Sarltamer Lass (gave 2lb) not in first 21 of 24 (good to soft). Cheerful Days was 8th of 19 to Majestic Lad (gave 1lb) at Ayr (2m) Feb 9 (good), earlier Cheerful Days was beaten 19l when 6th to Out of the Gloom (rec 4lb) at Doncaster (2½m) Dec 14 with Qualitair Princess (rec 9lb) 8th and Savoir Vivre (rec 4lb) fell last (good).

TRY TO STOP ME may confirm Feb 2 form with Marlion.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

WETHERBY.—1.45, Mariners Dream (nap); 2.15, Permabos; 2.50, Bally-Go; 3.20, Troilena; 3.50, Melodic Lad; 4.25, Try To Stop Me.

WORCESTER.—2.0, Katie Mac; 3.30, Badsworth Boy; 4.0, Prince Rowan; 4.30, Prince Sweet; 5.0, Boardman's Coronet.

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

WORCESTER.—2.0, State Budget; 2.30, Prince Bal; 3.0, Bootleggers Moll; 5.0, The Diploma.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow is engaged today.

KELSO 1-2-3 & PRICES

Going: Hdls, SOFT; 'ch, GOOD TO SOFT

1.45: CRAILING NOV HDLE 4-Y-O Penalty value £691 2m

TAELOS, gr g Godswalk—Quality Blake, 10-12 ... P. A. Charlton ... 7-4F 1
HALF ASLEEP, b f Quiet Fling—Mimonter, 10-9 ... A. Brown ... 12-1 2
TROMEROS, b c Camden Town—Silky Starlet, 10-5 ... D. Leadbitter ... 11-1 3

Also: 15-2 Captain Vigilante, 8 Meeson Grange (4th), Cobby Castle, Half Shaft, 10 Rabi (pu) (5th), 12 Miss Jay Cee, 14 Fifty Quid Short (6th), 15 Special Settlement, 20 Miki Miki Motor, Whistling Stellar, 33 Fortore Mc'y, 50 Holmsley, Tasar, Tung's Prince, Persian Express, 16 ran. 5l, 1l, 3l, 3l, 3l. (A. Scott, Wooperton.) Tote: Win, £2·90; places, £1·10, £3·40, £1·20; Dual F'cast: £25·80. SPSF: £27·30. NR: Manawatu.

2.15: MOREBATTLE HDLE £2,001 2m

BROWNE'S GAZETTE, b g London Gazette—Andrea Girl, 7 12-1 ... D. Browne ... 1-4F 1
ALLTEN GLAZED, b g Ragapan—Elands Kop, 8 10-12 ... P. A. Farrell ... 5-1 2
STARSHOT, gr g Roan Rocket—Tiara III, 10 10-13 ... Mr D. Swindlehurst ... 150-1 3

Also: 9 Our Louise (u.r.), 100 Tarchia, 500 Royal Merlin (p.u.), Rural Scene (4th), 7 ran. 20l, 30l, 1¾l, 4l. (Mrs M. Dickinson, Harewood.) Tote: Win, £1·10; places, £1·10, £1·40; Dual F'cast: £1·40. SPSF: £1·88.

2.45: McDONALD CONSTRUCTION NOV 'CHASE £3,377 2½m

BINGE, br g Blog II—Solan Bay, 9 11-9 ... Mr J. Walton ... 20-1 1
SINGALONG SAM, br g Master Sing—Sam's Song, 8 11-12 ... C. Grant ... 7-2F 2
SOLARES, br g Free State—Indian Wells, 5 11-0 ... M. Berry ... 7-1 3

Also: 7-2 The Divider (f), 9 Jockambel (u.r.), Polly's Pal, 10 Durham Edition (f), On Leave (4th), Empress Jeannie (b.d.), 14 Charles Duke (u.r.), 20 Park Tower (5th), 25 Royal Jet (6th), Rubesco (f), Woodburgh (f), Lady Lawyer, 15 ran. 4l, 5l, 5l, 5l, 10l. (J. Aynsley, Morpeth.) Tote: Win, £43·30; places, £11·00, £1·60, £2·60; Dual F'cast: £603·60. SPSF: £90·10.

3.15: HAMILTON MEM AMAT RDRS H'CAP 'CH £4,851 3½m

RIGHTHAND MAN, b g Proverb—Gleann Buidhe, 8 11-11 ... Mr R. J. Beggan ... 4-7F 1
PEATY SANDY, b g Spartan General—Petlow, 11 10-6 ... Mr A. Dudgeon ... 14-1 2
FOX-U-MORE, br g New Brig—Wynsomemore, 8 10-3 ... Mr C. O'Toole ... 9-2 3

Also: 9-2 Why Forget (6th), 16 Bobjob (5th), 25 Jethurts Here (4th), 200 Meenas Dene, Remoes Son, 8 ran. Sh hd, 10l, 6l, 8l, 15l. (Mrs M. Dickinson, Harewood.) Tote: Win, £1·70; places, £1·30, £2·30, £1·20; Dual F'cast: £7·40. SPSF: £9·58.

3.45: SMAILHOLM NV HDLE £742 2½m

TABRIZ GOLD, gr or g Yankee Gold—Shirotae, 6 10-10 ... J. J. O'Neill ... 10-1 1
PITCRUIVIE, br g Saucy Kit—Border Gloria, 6 11-4 ... D. Corkley ... 6-1 2
TEENAGE LOVE, b g Rigi—Teenage Blues, 5 10-12 ... Mr R. J. Beggan ... 9-2 3

Also: 7-2F Late Challenge, 5 Cairns (5th), 8 Royal Bowler (f), 9 Autumn Ballet, 10 Chipchase (4th), 14 Ballom, 33 Gowan House, 50 Bridgit's Girl (6th), Darrowby, Escapist, Lager Lad, Master Brabinger, Random Time, Rome, Uptown, Wadiee, Sweetly Given, 20 ran. 10l, 2½l, 5l, ½l, ½l. (J. H. Johnson, Crook.) Tote: Win, £9·30; places, £2·20, £1·70, £3·10; Dual F'cast: £37·80. SPSF: £58·52.

4.15: CESSFORD HUNTERS' 'CH (Amat riders) £494 3m

PEACE CLASH, b g Keep The Peace—Balmaclash, 8 12-0 ... Mr J. Greenall ... 5-4F 1
ARTHUR BELL'S, ch g Peacock—Hals Moon, 9 11-7 ... Mr A. Wight ... 11-2 2
FABULOUS, br g Menelek—Great Lark, 12 12-0 ... Mr A. King ... 5-2 3

Also: 11-2 The Drunken Duck (4th), 20 Sharing Bar (5th), 25 Laura, 33 Johnny Roy (p.u.), 50 The Hennan Kc (6th), 8 ran. Nk, 2l, 30l, dist. 1½l. (W. A. Stephenson, Bishop Auckland.) Tote: Win, £1·90; places, £1·40, £1·30, £1·50; Dual F'cast: £5·30. SPSF: £8·56.

4.45: GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE £882 2m

CLEREMOUNT, b g Owls—Bosin Street, 5 11-5 ... D. Jones ... 8-1 1
PRINCE OF DAWN, ro g Grey Dawn II—Queen To Be, 4 10-7 ... M. Berry ... 14-1 2
ANOTHER GEAR, b g Linlel Buildings—Keep Your Cool, 5 10-5 ... S. Mitchell ... 12-1 3

Also: 10-11F Fresh 'N' Lo, 11-2 Sea Cracker (4th), 7 Sonny One Shine, 9 Prince Link, 16 Bonzo Boy, 20 Boston Lad, Galloping Reporter, Warrens Scan (6th), 33 Deeston Gem (5th), Acrolatic, Diveron, Playing, Storm City, Yorkah Hill Lad, 16 ran. 15l, 5l, 2l, 10l, 2l. (P. Monteith, Rosewell.) Tote: Win, £8·60; places, £1·20, £3·10, £7·20; Dual F'cast: Winner or second with any other horse £3·10. SPSF: £134·33. NR's: Vale of Sorrow, Zolor.

PLACEPOT: £4·80.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Lingfield Park, "soft." Ludlow, "Ch "good," Hdle "good to soft."

WHISTLER'S NAP

Mariners Dream (1.45 Wetherby) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

Seagram Grand National H'cap 'Ch, Liverpool: Another Captain.

Results and prices at two meetings

NOTTINGHAM

Going: GOOD

2.00 (2m): Mischievous Jack (I. Williams, 33-1), 1; Hay Fever (J. H. Davies, 33-1), 2; River Lune (D. Dutton, 4-1), 3. Also: 9-4F Solanic Quince, 15-2 Downtown Fox, 11 Woodpecker Boy, 12 Log Cabin, 14 Hug's Daughter, Aslan King, 25 Kit Courage, Stevens (6th), 33 Daniels, During Franks, Dawn Lady (5th), Mummy's Fancy (4th). 15 ran. ½l, 3l, 2½l, 1l, nk. (J. Scallan, Colchester.) Tote: Win, £80·20; places, £17·30, £8·70, £1·60. Dual F'cast: £11·40 (winner or 2nd with any other horse). SPSF: £665·50. NR: Quinta Du Lago.

2.30 (2¾m 'ch): Golden Ty (Mr A. Orkney, 14-1), 1; City Boy (Mr T. Thomson-Jones, 10-1), 2; Prominent King (Mr T. Easterby, 7-4F), 3. Also: 3-4 Hot Fever (4th), 5 Little Owl, 12 Tom Chermes, 16 Grandogan (ref), White Paper (5th), 50 Premier Mai (pu), Travelaid, 66 Battalion (pu), 100 Alabama (pu), 12 ran. 10l, 1½l, 1l, 3l, 15l. (V. Hall, Hartlepool.) Tote: Win, £11·60; places, £1·60, £2·10, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £60·60. SPSF: £164·31.

3.0 (3m 40): Mr Snugfit (P. Tuck, 5-1), 1; Fleetman (R. Earnshaw, 2-1F), 2; Smith's Man (B. de Haan, 7-2), 3. Also: Mid Day Gun, 9 Glenfox (4th), 19 Imperial Black (p.u.), 20 Moor Close (6th), 25 Sam Wrekin, 35 Medway Gauntlet, Personality Plus (5th), 10 ran. 12l, 1½l, 4l, 15l, not taken. (M. W. Easterby, Sheriff Hutton.) Tote: Win, £3·60; places, £2·00, £1·40, £1·40; Dual F'cast: £10·70. SPSF: £16·85. Tricast: £55·44. NR: Greenbank Park.

3.30 (2m): Kaycorn (D. Dutton, 20-1), 1; Connaught Queen (N. Doughty 7-2F), 2; Mercia Sound (J. O'Neill, 14-1), 3; Iona Dart (B. Wright, 12-1), 4. Also: 6 Coral Delight, 10 Fudge Delight, 11 Nice One Abby, 12 Tullsbuck, 14 Kamir (5th), 16 Aquarius Spirit, Crook Bay, Kentucky Calling, Lairy Lad (6th), Lucky Fen, Tin Boy, 20 Promtplands, 25 Black Sheep (f), Celtic Raider, 33 Dainty Joe, 50 Jubilee King, Point Clear, Vino Rosso, Same Date, Barron Julius, Call On Dickins, 25 ran. 2l, 1½l, sh-hd, 4l, 5l. (J. Blundell, Grimsby.) Tote: Win, £16·60; places, £3·60, £1·10, £3·90, £9·10. Dual F'cast: £30·40. SPSF: £92·91. Tricast: £989·15.

4.0 (3m 6f): Rejuvenator (N. Doughty, 11-4F), 1; Covent Garden (S. J. O'Neill, 12-1), 2; Squires Close (C. Hawkins, 8-1), 3. Also: 5 Wise Words, 6 Flying Mistress (5th), Papersacer (u.r.), 8 Barrister Boy (4th), 12 Fluid (f), 25 Baloyd (6th), Highland Linnet (p.u.), Hill Green (f), 50 Mr President, Conicalate (p.u.), 15 ran. 2l, 3l, 3l, 15l, not recorded. (G. W. Richards, Greystoke.) Tote: Win, £3·80; places, £1·10, £2·10, £1·50. Dual F'cast: £25·80. SPSF: £54·50. Tricast: £222·67. N.R.: Shining Tusk.

4.30 (3m): Mick's Star (P. Tuck, 3-1), 1; Wee Lea (P. Warner, 12-1), 2; Champagne Charlie (R. Chapman, 12-1), 3. Also: 5-2F Everett (4th), 3 Grundy Glow (6th), 5 Alice Dirkie, 7 Komaris, 14 Celtic Time, 35 Go To Sleep (5th), 50 Something Special, 10 ran. 4l, 1½l, 1l. (M. W. Easterby, Sheriff Hutton.) Tote: Win, £3·80; places, £1·40, £3·50, £2·10. Dual F'cast: £27·20. SPSF: £89·37. Tricast: £1,045·93.

PLACEPOT: £44·55.

PLUMPTON

Going: SOFT

2.0 (3m): Honest Hint (A. Webb, 33-1), 1; Flaming Pearl (P. Leach, 5-1), 2; Graceful Kicker (P. Barton, 14-1), 3. Also: 9-4F Zlogurat (6th), 11-2 Nebli, 7 Malakand, Special Envoy (pu), 12 Stampy (4th), 14 Touch Of Rhythm (pu), 33 Kerry's Court (pu), Aralianos (f), 50 Coldharbour Lad (5th), Signor Sam, 13 ran. 12l, 8l, 1½l, 12l. (P. Haynes, Chichester). Tote: Win, £39·00; places, £6·30, £2·00, £3·50. Dual F'cast: £53·00. SPSF: £130·33.

2.30 (3m 1f): Sommelier (J. Francome, 3-4F), 1; Lawrence Rambler (M. Perrett 7-1), 2; De Plovinel (R. Dunwoody, 14-1), 3. Also 5 Round The Twist (pu), 7 Graiguenamanagh (4th), 9 Mister Donut (f), 12 Roman Bistro, 50 Town Counsellor (pu), 8 ran. 15l, 8l, 12l, 16l. (R. Gow, Dorking). Tote: Win, £2·00; places, £1·00, £2·60, £3·20. Dual F'cast: £5·60. SPSF: £9·71.

3.0 (2½m): Tugboat (R. Dunwoody, 14-1), 1; Amrullah (R. Goldstein, 14-1), 2; Rufus T Firefly (P. Croucher, 10-1), 3. Also: 9-2JF Bob Tisdall (5th), Sutton Prince, 5 Gallant Buck, 6 Il Pontevecchio (6th), 9 Road to Mandalay, 10 Kruz (p.u.), 16 Cardinal (4th), 20 Shiny Copper, 50 Ballywesh Hero, Linton, Wordel, Saint Oswald, 16 ran. 4l, sh-hd, 1½l, 5l, 6l. (P. Mitchell, Epsom.) Tote: Win, £9·70; places, £2·40, £4·40, £3·30. Dual F'cast: £102·60. SPSF: £179·56. Tricast: £1,854·95. NR: Brave Hussar.

3.30 (2½m): The Somac (J. Francome, 6-1), 1; Grey Tarquin (R. Goldstein, 10-1), 2; City Marathon (P. Ffitch-Heyes, 11-2), 3. Also: 5-1F Pompous Prince (4th), 11-2 Crawford Lad, 6 Lucky Gem (p.u.), 7 Grange Heights (f), 10 Sock Dennis (f), 16 Betola Prince (p.u.), 20 Henry Ford (f), 25 Weaverslake (p.u.), 33 Poor Soo (f), Lawrence-Lee (p.u.), 13 ran. 3l, 20l, nk, 25l. (J. Jenkins, Epsom.) Tote: Win, £11·40; places, £3·90, £2·00, £2·00. Dual F'cast: £20·40. SPSF: £62·93. Tricast: £393·04.

4.0 (2½m): Doll Lars (J. Francome 8-3F), 1; Golden Minstrel (R. Rowe 11-2), 2; Chiefs Roc (G. Davies 8-1), 3. Also: 9-2 Dilator (p.u.), 11-2 Pill The Fer (5th), Milanesa (4th), 10 Kashti (6th), 12 Katmandu, 50 Hanover Prince (p.u.), 9 ran. 10l, 3l, 10l, 2l, 8l. (T. P. ..., Salisbury.) Tote: Win, £2·60; places, £1·10, £2·60, £2·60. Dual F'cast: £15·20. SPSF: £16·55.

4.30 (2m): First Bout (S. Smith Eccles, 1-2F), 1; Mr Key (A. Webb, 10-1), 2; Hard Lime (P. Scudamore, 11-2), 3. Also: 10 Majuba Hill (5th), 12 Princess Possum (6th), 16 Fo'k'sal (f), Quality Chorister, 20 Parreno, 50 Copernico, Ewell Place, Aligned (4th), What A Princess, 12 ran. 6l, 12l, 20l, ¾l, nk. (N. Henderson, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £1·80; places, £1·30, £1·20, £2·70; Dual F'cast: £3·90. SPSF: £8·06. N.R.: Ploughman's.

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Women's World Bowls

SHAW FALTERS AS RICHARDSON KEEPS RECORD

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Melbourne

NORMA SHAW, of England, the defending champion, put herself in a difficult position when she suffered her third defeat in the Women's World Bowls Championships at Reservoir, Melbourne, yesterday.

After showing glimpses of her true form in her eighth round match, in which she beat Laufili Faraimo, of Western Samoa, 21-5, she lost to Rhoda Ryan, of New Zealand 21-6, appearing to lose all traces of line and length.

The New Zealander never let her opponent into the game after scores were tied 5-5 at the eighth end. She raced away 15-5 at the 13th, dropped a single and then added eight shots on the next six ends to win at the 20th.

Shaw recovered to beat Margaret Blattman, of Jersey, 21-15 but finished the day joint fifth in the standings behind Merle Richardson, of Australia, who is unbeaten in her 10 matches.

Julie Davies, of Wales, and Eileen Bell, of Ireland, are level with Shaw on seven wins.

Ryan, Maraia Lum On, of Fiji, and Flo Kennedy, of Zimbabwe, have eight victories.

Ryan, before beating Shaw, had struggled to beat Babs Anderson, of Botswana, 21-17 after trailing 15-17.

Richardson kept her record by beating Kathy Sigimet, of Papua New Guinea, 21-11, Eileen Bell 21-12 and Kennedy 21-12.

Kennedy, one of the early favourites for the singles gold, had a fight on her hands before beating June Bell, of Canada, in the eighth round. She won 21-19 after trailing 12-16. She beat Faraimo in her next match but was then outplayed by Richardson.

The results

SINGLES (8th Rd).—M. Lum On (Fiji) 21, E. Bell (Ireland) 19; A. Mayers (Kenya) 21, P. Bochan (US) 17, L. Sadick (Hongkong) 21, H. Gordon (Israel) 15; F. Kennedy (Zimbabwe) 21, J. Bell (Canada) 19; J. Davies (Wales) 21, M. Blattmann (Jersey) 10; N. Shaw (England) 21, L. Faraimo (W. Samoa) 5; M. Richardson (Australia) 21, K. Simmet (Papua New Guinea) 11; R. Ryan (New Zealand) 21, F. Anderson (Botswana) 17; C. Thompson (Swaziland) 21, M. Gismondi (Argentina) 19.

9th RD.—Mayers 21, Thompson 12; S. McGrone (Scotland) 21, Blattman 20; Richardson 21, E. Bell 12; Bochan 21, Gismondi 11; Kennedy 21, Faraimo 17; Lum On 21, Gordon 19; Ryan 21, Shaw 6; Simmet 21, Anderson 15; J. Bell 21, Sadick 13.

10th RD.—Davies 21, Mayers 9; Lum On 21, Bochan 8; Faraimo 21, Gismondi 9; Shaw 21, Blattmann 15; Richardson 21, Kennedy 12; J. Bell 21, Gordon 20; Ryan 21, Simmet 14; Thompson 21, Sadick 17; E. Bell 21, McGrone 18.

FOURS (8th RD).—Hongkong 21, Israel 16; Ireland 29, Fiji 14; Zimbabwe 21, Canada 16; Australia 40, Papua New Guinea 15; New Zealand 27, Botswana 12; England 26, Samoa 14; Swaziland 32, Argentina 14; Wales 28, Jersey 12; Kenya 19, US 14.

9th RD.—US 19, Argentina 12; Australia 25, Ireland 16; England 15, New Zealand 15; Swaziland 36, Kenya 14; Scotland 34, Jersey 7; Zimbabwe 23, Samoa 13; Hongkong 26, Canada 7; Botswana 22, Papua New Guinea 15; Israel 12, Fiji 16.

10th RD.—New Zealand 26, Papua New Guinea 14; Swaziland 23, Hongkong 20; Australia 28, Zimbabwe 9, England 36, Jersey 11; Canada 20, Israel 18; Scotland 18, Ireland 15; W. Samoa 19, Argentina 13; Wales 21, Kenya 19.

Davies beat Blattman 21-10 in the eighth round, had a ninth round bye, and ended the day with a 21-9 win over Alice Mayers, of Kenya.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

ATHLETICS.—SCWAAA Open Meeting (C Palace NSC, 6.30).

BASKETBALL.—Nat. Lge. Div. 1: C. Palace v Bracknell (8); Hemel & W v Kingston (7.30); Solent v Leicester (8); Sunderland v Manchester (7.30).

HOCKEY.—Representative: Army v Police AA (Bisham Abbey, 2.30); Civil Service v RAF (Bisham Abbey, 2.30). Atari London Lge: Guildford v London Univ (2.45). U.A.U. CH'SHIP. Final: Exeter v Durham (Alexander Stad, Birmingham, 3.30).

SNOOKER.—Dulux British Open T'ment (Derby).

Ian Ashby, Cambridge left-back, puts pressure on Oxford centre-forward Gary Nienow.

Allison's nerve holds

By Our Bowls Correspondent

EXCITING finishes abounded in the Somerdale EWIBA national quarter-finals at Eastbourne yesterday.

Fittingly, perhaps, the most exciting involved Pam Allison who fulfilled three duties during the championships—skip of the Cherwell four, official controller of matches and EWIBA press officer.

On the 18th end Mrs Alison, ahead 16-14, faced five nerve esting opposition bowls clustered around the jack. Confidenly, she took the jack out of danger to a spot three inches off the boundary where she held shot.

Imperturbably, Jane Roylands, the North Walsham skip, drew the shot but again, Mrs Alison rose splendidly ot the situation in regaining the position for a 17-14 lead. She followed with two singles while surrendering one to beat North Walsham 19-15.

Results:

Singles.—N. May 21, A. Snelling 15—S. Miller 21, P. Davis 20—S. Franklin 21, K. Green 10. Fours—P. Taylor 20, E. Logan 19—A. Schooling 17, J. Fowler 14—P. Allison 19, J. Roylands 15. Pairs.—E. Fairhall & W. Lime 23, J. Adamson & P. Davis 19—V. Grooby & J. Parey 22, N. Carroll & D. Chapman 14—N. Ashford & J. Baldwin 27, J. Curtis & S. Bissett 15.

Cambridge steal another victory

By CHRIS MOORE

Cambridge ... 2, Oxford ... 0

SIMON OFFEN, the Cambridge goalkeeper, was voted man of the match after yesterday's 85th University match at Lord's sponsored by the Guardian Royal Exchange and seldom can such an award have been more deserved.

Offen, a third-year domestic science student, found it hotter in the Cambridge goal than in any kitchen as he stood alone against Oxford.

Starting once more as favourites, Oxford handed out a tremendous battering to the beleaguered Light Blues only to find themselves beaten for the fourth year running.

The statistics spell out the story of one of the most one-sided games since the series began in 1890. Oxford forced 25 short corners yet, after 70 minutes, had nothing to show for their domination.

Sudell scores twice

Cambridge, rarely in the Oxford half, had only a handful of chances and a mere four short corners. But Peter Sudell scored from two of them, including his first effort in the fourth minute, to take Cambridge to what can only be described as one of the greatest acts of robbery ever seen on a hockey pitch.

Sudell, aided by the stopping of Clive Makin, increased the lead from Cambridge's third short corner in the 53rd minute, and seconds later a scooped shot from Richard Rush was cleared off the Oxford line by Tim Monks.

This, though, was the sum total of the Cambridge attack as Oxford took hold of the mid-field and kept the Cambridge circle under constant pressure.

Even allowing for the upset at the start when Cambridge took their early leave, Oxford should have resumed control. They earned no fewer than nine short corners in the first 10 minutes, but Offen pulled off a series of saves from well-placed shots by Monks.

(* Indicates Blue)

OXFORD.—P. Venables (Macclesfield & Keble); *T. Monks (Tasmania Univ. & St John's), *D. Saunders (Kingston GS & New), *P. Keohane (Chatham House & Lincoln), *N. Stevenson (Taunton & St Benet's), *R. McIntyre (Kingston GS & Christ Church), *M. Swallow (Marlborough University), *S. Hura (Natal Univ & St Edmund Hall), G. Niepow (Leighton Pk & University), A. Mee (Merchant Taylors, Northwood & Oriel), R. Oldenshaw (Uppingham & Trinity).

Replacement: G. Hayward (St Edward's, Oxford, Christ Church) for Swain.

CAMBRIDGE.—S. Offen (St Edwards, Oxford & Selwyn); R. Bannock (Gresham's & Magdalene), *I. Ashby (Burnham & St John's), *P. Cooles (Farnborough GS & Magdalene), *R. Miles (Kingston GS & Trinity), *G. Hardy (Abingdon & St John's), *C. Making (Appleton Hall GS & Fitzwilliam), *R. Rush (Culford, Gonville & Caius), M. Robinson (Framlingham, Lincoln Coll Oxford & St Catharine's), A. Shafiq (Caterham & Downing).

Replacement: G. Pilber (St Albans & St Catharine's) for Nienow.

OLTON HOLD THE LEADERS

BOURNVILLE still lead the race for the Sitact League title but with three games less their championship hopes were threatened when they were held to a scoreless draw by second placed Olton and West Warwicks, writes Chris Moore.

Bournville, without Neil Mallett and Kevin Murphy, were under severe pressure for most of the game on Sunday, with goalkeeper Tim Baxendale constantly in action as Olton forced 12 short corners.

On Saturday they found the going easier against Northampton Saints winning 5-0 with two goals from David Liversage and a short corner conversion by Gary Jones.

Martin Wright's late goal for Olton was enough to earn them victory over Chesterfield to keep the pressure on Bournville.

Weightlifting

MORGAN PULLS OUT

Leading Welsh weightlifter David Morgan has withdrawn from Saturday's Welsh Championships at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff because he does not want to disrupt his training for the EEC championships in Germany the following week.

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OLTON HOLD THE LEADERS

One-Day International

ENGLAND DOWN –AND NEARLY OUT OF SERIES

By *MICHAEL CAREY in Sydney*

ENGLAND failed again in the World Championship series under the Sydney Cricket Ground lights last night and their 86-run defeat by India left them surviving in the competition only by the slenderest of mathematical threads.

While India's second win takes them into the semi-finals, England to qualify now need not only to beat Pakistan in Melbourne on Saturday but require a third Indian win, against Australia, on the same ground on Sunday.

This Utopian stituation would leave England level on points with Pakistan and Australia and the team with the best run rate would go through, though this latest defeat gives England, at 3·66, the worst rate in Group A.

Ironically, after all the worries about the accuracy of England's attack, it was an utterly inept performance with the bat that squandered a promising prospect of victory after *India had been contained to 235 for nine from 50 overs.*

This was not only far from unattainable but very acceptable, despie Srikkanth's giving India the sort of spectacular start he has so often threatened to do, making 57 out of 74 in the first 17 overs.

The scoreboard

INDIA

R. J. Shastri, c Fowler, b Ellison	13
K. Srikkanth, run out	57
M. Azharuddin, c & b Cowans	45
D. B. Vengsarkar, run out	43
Kapil Dev, c Downton, b Cowans	29
*S. M. Gavaskar, not out	30
M. B. Amarnath, c Lamb, b Cowans	6
R. M. H. Binny, c Marks, b Foster	2
S. Madan Lal, c Downton, b Foster	6
†S. Viswanath, run out	5
Extras (lb 2)	2
50 overs, Total (9 wkts)	235

Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-74, 3-147, 4-183, 5-197, 6-216, 7-220, 8-220, 9-235.

Did not bat: L. Sivaramakrishnan.

Bowling: Cowans 10-0-59-3; Ellison 10-1-46-1; Foster 10-0-33-2; Edmonds 10-1-38-0; Marks 10-0-57-0

ENGLAND

G. Fowler, c Viswanath, b Binny	26
M. D. Moxon, c & b Sivaramakrishnan	48
*D. I. Gower, c Vengsarkar, b Sivaramakrishnan	25
A. J. Lamb, b Sivaramakrishnan	13
M. W. Gatting, c Viswanath, b Shastri	7
†P. R. Downton, c Shastri, b Kapil Dev	9
V. J. Marks, st Viswanath, b Shastri	2
P. H. Edmonds, st Viswanath, b Shastri	5
R. M. Ellison, c Viswanath, b Madan Lal	1
N. A. Foster, c Srikkanth, b Madan Lal	1
N. G. Cowans, not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 1, nb 1)	9
41·4 overs. Total	149

Fall of wickets: 1-41, 2-84, 3-113, 4-126, 5-126, 6-130, 7-142, 8-144, 9-144.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-0-21-1; Binny 8-0-33-1; Madan Lal 6·4-0-19-2; Sivaramakrishnan 10-0-39-3; Shastri 10-2-30-3.

Umpires: R. Martin & R. French.
*Captain †Wicketkeeper

Careless batting

At that point he was run out by Cowans' direct hit when no other method of dismissing him seemed available.

England then paced their way carefully to 113 for two only to lose the match by abandoning these tactics and carelessly tossing away their entire middle orde in the next 10 overs for 13 runs.

All this hardly comes as a surprise after their uneven performances in one-day cricket both here and in India and suggests they scarcely deserve the rare combination of circumstances and good fortune they will now need, not to mention a match in which both departments function efficiently.

England left out Agnew from their only available 12 and after opting to bowl on an overcast day did so mostly respectably, only to be savaged by Srikkanth. On such days length and line mean little to him and the ball was soon cascading over the covers, helped by restrictions which permit only two men out for the first 15 overs.

Even to English eyes, the power and inventiveness of his strokes was a delight and with Shastri selflessly allowing him the strike, Srikkanth rattled past 50 out of 61, made from 41 balls with his 10th four.

Foster close

Cowans then produced the unexpected which was needed, scoring a direct hit from fine leg, though Foster, who marked his retun with some tight control, looked agonisingly close with an lbw appeal at 54.

Edmonds, finding the ball would turn, also imposed restraints and the rub of the green again seemed to go India's way when Vengsarkar, at 22, was caught out of his ground when the bowler deflected a straight drive against the stumps but received the benefit of the doubt from umpire French.

More than once Azharuddin looked uneasy against Edmonds and settled for a policy of steady accumulation before he was caught and bowled by Cowans, forcing off the back foot, while another direct hit, by Lamb, ran out Vengsarkar.

This led to a highly efficient spell by England which even Kapil's 29 fom 22 balls could not entirely upset and after their start India must have felt their 49 from the last 10 overs was not as adequate as it might have been.

Steepling catch

Though the outfield was slow, ones and twos were not easy to defend and Fowler, in any case, hit over the top with great selectivity before falling to a steepling catch to the wicketkeeper in the 12th over.

By then Moxon, his partner, had started to find his timing after a start in which, by accident or design, he had not seen much of the strike and a policy of quietly picking up the singles, with a minimum of risks, took him and Gower to 94 in the 24th over.

By then Sivaramakrishan had started to pose problems, though it was a full toss which Gower pulled into deep mid-wicket's hands, while Moxon escaped off a caught and bowled at 37 and might well have been caught off Shastri's first ball.

There still seemed no cause for concern, however, but Moxon, having started to hit the spinners back over their heads, was caught and bowled by Sivarama attempting something similar in the 27th over, at which stage the decline came quickly.

Lamb, having been almost bowled cutting a googly, played on sweeping at a ball of full length pitched outside off stump, an incredible error of assessment, it seemed, and when in the next over Gatting was caught behind cutting England were 126 for five.

Shastri was by now turning the ball considerably and more neat work by Viswanath gave the Indian bowlers all the support they needed to complete a worthy victory in the 42nd over, England's last eight wickets going down for 36 runs.

TABLE — GROUP A

	P	W	L	Pts	Run Rate
India	2	2	0	4	4·37
Pakistan	2	1	1	2	4·45
Australia	2	1	1	2	4·35
England	2	0	2	0	3·66

REID PULLS OUT OF TOUR

JOHN REID, New Zealand's outstanding batsman this season, has said he is not available for the tour to the West Indies starting next month.

Reid blamed the heavy demands the game imposed on his family and teaching career for his decision not to tour.

"Trips seem only to be tests and one-day games and that increases the pressures at the top," said Reid. "This is reflected in the crowd at the world championships in Australia. The game is becoming humdrum."

POCOCK REWARD

Surrey clubs who use the East Moseley Indoor School have contributed to a presentation to England off spinner Pat Pocock in Recognition of his contribution to England's successful cricket *tour of India*. The presentation will be made by former England slow bowler Fred Titmus at the club on Thursday evening.

CURRIE CUP (Pretoria) Semi-final: Western Province 325 & 160 (G. Turner 50, E. Simons 3-36, A. Ferreira 3-38); Northern Transvaal 31 & 120-2 (M. Yachad 62). Northern Transvaal won by 8 wickets.

Kapil Dev lofts a ball from Marks to the midwicket boundary during his brief but lively innings.

Boxing

Warren's Pedroza plan blocked

By *KEN MAYS*

THE plans of Frank Warren, the London boxing promoter, to stage a World Boxing Association featherweight title fight between Eusebio Pedroza, the champion, and Barry McGuigan at a soccer ground in May have suffered a serious setback.

Warren signed the Panamanian the day before McGuigan's victory over Juan Laporte on Saturday, but his offer to Barney Eastwood, the Irishman's manager, has received a cold response.

Mr Eastwood has given instructions to Mickey Duff, the matchmaker to set off for the United States tomorrow and not to come back unless he has the signature of Pedroza, Azumah Nelson, the World Boxing Council champion, or Rocky Lockridge, the W B A super-featherweight champion.

It appears that Mr Warren has beaten him to the punch for Pedroza, but Mr Eastwood is determined to pursue his plan and there is an estimated £500,000 available.

Half share offered

Mr Warren's offer on a Petdroza fight includes a half share in the promotion for Stephen Eastwood, the Belfast promoter and son of McGuigan's manager.

"Frank Warren has no mandate to make arrangements for Barry McGuigan," stressed *Stephen Eastwood last night.* "I have promoted 20 of Barry's fights in Belfast and anything that needs to be done for him I can do.

"We believe if Barry is to fight for a world title the right place is Belfast and we shall leave no stone unturned to stage it here.

"If we have to move out then I can promote just as well in London. It would not be a problem because we have the money and we also have a large following there. But we owe it to the people of Belfast to try to get the fight here if we can."

Mr Warren said Barrey Eastwood would not believe him when he first broke the news that he had signed Pedroza. "But I telexed him with confirmation," he added. "The only condition from Pedroza is that he will not fight in Belfast while my condition was that if McGuigan won he would make his first defence for me."

Mr Warren clinched his half of the deal after speaking to Santiago Del Rio, Pedroza's manager, on Friday.

Athletics

KINCH SET FOR CLASH WITH OAKES

BEV KINCH, the reigning European indoor sprint champion and Heather Oakes, the national champion, have agreed to meet on March 9 when they compete at the Kodak Classic event at R A F Cosford, writes Ken Mays.

The two outstanding sprinters will race in the 60 metres which is one of four women's events to support the men's international between England and the U S A before a sold out record crowd of 4,600.

They should have met at the National championships in January but Miss Kinch had to withdraw after the semi final because of injury and Mrs Oakes went on to take the title.

Baker's chance

Miss Kinch, the indoor record holder with 7·16 sec, went to the Olympics last year but was injured and never competed while Mrs Oakes has improved her best for the distance from 7·35sec to 7·21sec in recent meetings.

Ironically, she will be in Athens this weekend where she hopes to emulate Miss Kinch by winning the European indoor 60 metres championship.

Pippa Baker from Sale, another girl who has improved this season, is also running in the event with internationals Shirley Thomas and Joan Baptiste.

Kathy Cook makes her first individual appearance of the winter, running in the 200 metres against Michelle Scutt and Carman Smart, the national champion, and Kirsty McDermott is in the 800 metres, an event in which Lynne Macdougall from Scotland is named but unlikely to appear.

Lesley Ann Skeete, the Swindon junior who ran so well in her first senior international in Italy recently, joins heptathletes Kim Hagger and Judy Simpson, Wendy Jeal, Pam St Ange and Sally Gunnell in a 60 metres hurdles.

Rugby League

HULL & WIDNES MEET AGAIN

A repeat of the 1982 final between Hull and Widnes provided *the top attractions when* the Rugby League Silk Cut Challenge Cup quarter-final draw was made yesterday. The matches will be played on the weekend of March 9-10.

Widnes, last year's Cup winners, drew 14-14 with Hull in the final three years ago, when Wembley was packed with a 92,000 crowd. The replay, at Elland Road, ended in an 18-9 triumph for Hull.

DRAW.—Castleford v Bramley; Leigh or Hunslet v Hull KR; Hull v Widnes; Bradford Northern or Wakefield Trinity v Wigan.

SCOTTISH RU LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kelso	10	9	0	1	348	83	18
Hawick	9	9	0	0	321	87	18
Boroughmuir	10	7	0	3	190	124	14
Heriots	10	7	0	3	180	118	14
Stw/Mel FP	10	6	0	4	173	144	12
Ed'n Acs	10	6	0	4	116	136	12
Selkirk	10	5	1	4	173	128	11
Gala	9	5	0	4	162	170	10
Ayr	10	3	0	7	88	183	6
Watsonians	10	3	0	7	123	231	6
W Scotland	9	2	0	7	78	177	4
Jedforest	10	1	1	8	97	167	3
Melrose	8	1	1	6	75	154	3
Glasgow Accs	9	1	1	7	89	283	3

University Rowing

Head crews favoured

By GEOFFREY PAGE

THE Cambridge Lent Races and Oxford Torpids start today with neither Head crew looking in much danger of losing their titles.

Downing, who went ahead at Cambridge last year, meet Goldie and all the other college crews entered for the Peterborough Head recently and, on this form, only an accident can dethrone them.

At Oxford, Oriel have been Head for a record run of 15 years.

Stroked this year by Mark Carnegie, son of Oxford's 1957 Australian president, now Sir Rod Carnegie, they look sufficiently businesslike to stay at the top for the next four nights.

OXFORD

Div. 1 (4.30 p.m.): Oriel, Christ Church, Keble, Exeter, Worcester, Pembroke, St Edmund Hall, Oriel 2, Brasenose, Queen's, University, Wadham.
Div. 2 (3.30 p.m.): Jesus, New College, Balliol, St Catherine's, Hertford, St Magdalen, Osler House, St Peter's, St John's, Corpus Christi, Keble 2.
Div. 3 (3): Trinity, Wolfson, Exeter 2, Christ Church 2, Mansfield, Oriel 3, Lincoln 2, Pembroke 2, Worcester 2, Wadham 2, University 2, St Edmund Hall 2.
Div. 4 (2.30): Lady Margaret Hall, Merton, Balliol 2, St Catherine's 2, Brasenose 2, St John's 2, New College 2, Queen's 2, Oriel 4, Wolfson 2, Exeter 3, Hertford 2, Park, Jesus 2.
Div 5 (2): Regent's, Queen's 3, St Worcester 3, St Anne's, Corpus Christi 2, John's 3, Keble 3, Lincoln, St Peter's 2, Oriel 5, Jesus 3, Linacre, Magdalen 2.
Div 6 (1.30): Lady Margaret Hall 2, Trinity 2, Wadham 3, Keble 4, St Benet's, Oriel 6, Brasenose 3, St Catherine's 3, Christ Church 3, St Anne's 2, Magdalen 3, Trinity 3.
Div 7 (12.30): Balliol 3, Lady Margaret Hall 3, Oriel 7, Lincoln 3, Merton 2, Osler House 2, Wolfson 3, Hertford 3, New College 4, Hertford 4, Balliol 4.

WOMEN

Div 1 (4): Osler House, St Catherine's, Lady Margaret Hall, St Hilda's, St Hugh's, Jesus, Worcester, Somerville, University, Pembroke, Brasenose, Anne's.
Div 2 (1): Wadham, Balliol, Lincoln, St Hugh's 2, Exeter, Trinity, Wolfson, Corpus Christi, New College, Keble, St Hilda's 2, Corpus Christi, Hertford.
Div 3 (12): Queen's, Brasenose 2, Christ Church, Lady Margaret Hall 2, St Edmund Hall, Magdalen, Hugh's 3, St Peter's, Balliol 2, Somerville 2, Merton, St John's, Balliol 3.

CAMBRIDGE

Div. 1 (4.45 p.m.): Downing, Emmanuel, Clare, 1 and 3 Trinity, Trinity Hall, Jesus, LMBC, Christ's, Pembroke, Caius, Fitzwilliam, Queens', Peterhouse, Churchill, Selwyn, St Catharine's.
Div. 2: Magdalene, Sidney Sussex, LMBC 2, Christ's 2, Jesus 2, Caius 2, Emmanuel 2, Clare 2, Corpus Christi, 1 and 3 Trinity 2, Downing 2, Trinity Hall 2, Magdalene 2, Pembroke 2, Queens' 2, Fitzwilliam 2.
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Div. 5: Emmanuel 3, Magdalene 4, Addenbrooke's, Clare 5, Girton 2, Corpus Christi 3, Churchill 4, Wolfson, Peterhouse 3, Downing 4, 1 and 3 Trinity 5, King's 3, Trinity Hall 4, Downing 5, Corpus Christi 4, Emmanuel 4, Downing 6, Girton 3.

WOMEN

Div. 1 (1 p.m.): Churchill, Jesus, Clare, Newnham, New Hall, Girton, Trinity Hall, Homerton, Sidney Sussex, Emmanuel, Fitzwilliam, Selwyn, 1 and 3 Trinity, Christ's, Caius, Newnham 2, St Catharine's.
Div. 2: Clare 2, LMBC, Queens', Downing, Darwin, CCAT, QMABC, Robinson, New Hall, Churchill 2, Jesus 2, Selwyn 2, Christ's 2, Corpus Christi, Pembroke, Wolfson, LMBC 2.

Last Night's Rugby

SHEFFIELD MENACE REPELLED

By MICHAEL AUSTIN
Nottingham ... 29pts, Sheffield ... 9

NOTTINGHAM, casting aside only intermittently the gloom of Saturday's John Player Cup defeat, struggled to beat Sheffield's enthusiastic challenge in a shapeless match at Beeston last night.

Hodgkinson, deputising for the unavailable Andrew, who missed nine place kicks in the Cup elimination by London Welsh, landed four of his eight attempts to provide an integral part of the victory. Moss also kicked a conversion.

Nottingham, winners by two goals two tries and three penalty goals to three penalty goals, showed visible signs of a Cup hangover, even down to their soiled jerseys. A colour clash meant Nottingham pulled on the same, unwashed white set they wore at the weekend.

Sheffield, prompted by Old, who kicked their goals from six attempts, offered a stern physical challenge and Nottingham, with five changes, relied heavily on the bustle and skills of Holdstock, Moss, Hughes and Gray in the first hour.

Over-indulgence

Martin, the Cambridge and Cardiff wing, making his debut, showed deft touches but too much crash-ball running in the centre deprived both sides' wings o fattacking opportunities.

Holdstock scored two Nottingham tries, the first from McGovern's pass and the second after bouncing off two tacklers after being launched by Martin.

Nrothard's try, from a tapped free kick near the posts, first breached Sheffield's defence with the last move before half-time. After the break Nottingham's fitter and more mobile forwards exerted authority, Taylor adding the final try.

Nottingham.—P. Moss; S. Holdstock, M. Northard, G. Hartley, A. Martin; S. Moore, M. Grindle, C. Gray, N. Mantell, Hodgkinson, K. Murphy, J. Ward, B. J. Taylor, K. McGovern, S. Hughes.
Sheffield.—R. Goodliffe; P. Woodbridge, G. Treece, J. Shaw, M. Fay; A. Old, D. Holmes; D. Sherlock, A. Harrison, A. Broomhead, D. Ray, J. Race, D. Parsonage, I. Ellis, M. Pearce.
Referee: W. Jones (Staffs).

RUGBY FIVES

UNIVERSITY MATCH (St Paul's School).—Oxford 291 pts, Cambridge 182; Oxford Beavers 154, Cambridge Sparrows 50.

Rugby Commentary

Wales selectors bow to logic

By JOHN MASON

THE other evening a group of influential London Welshmen indulged themselves. The club selectors, no less, settled upon a team they considered should represent Wales at Murrayfield against Scotland on Saturday.

Few will be surprised, I imagine, that the committee did not get too close to the team originally chosen by the national selectors. hTey did much better following the withdrawals of Eddie Butler and Malcolm Dacey.

Internecine strife is not a Welsh prerogative. England managed pretty well to ignore Tony Neary for the better part of three years after the 1976 season and were persistently dropping Dusty Hare.

The Scots, too, have been intent upon dismantling the pack that won the Grand Slam until realising, possibly too late, that those forwards must oppose Wales this weekend — less Jim Aitken, last year's captain, of course.

The steadfast refusal of the Wales selectors to acknowledge deficiencies in the back-row or, until this season, to appreciate nation, there is no knowing what might happen when Wales go to Paris at the end of March.

Davies and the new man, Martyn Morris, the policeman whose performances in club maches before the freeze brought undiluted praise from opponents, including Bristol, could be integral parts of the most successful Wales side of the 1980s.

Mark Ella, who will be in Dublin on Saturday prior to playing for St Mary's College on Sunday, is not so sure. Like most of his Wallaby tour colleagues, Ella favours Ireland, though he grants the assessment is based on pre-Christmas evidence.

"The critics seem to have forgotten already what the Australian forwards achieved against Wales," declares Ella, who has also undertaken to play a match for Aylesbury before he returns home in mid-March. "If Wales have not mended their fences, they're in trouble.

Ella comments

"No one knows quite how Wales will play because they are on the park for the first time since our match, aren't they? I don't know how they will go—or Scotland either, come to that. But Ireland-France? I think Ireland could do something there.

"And me? Well, retirement from internationals — and marriage to Kim—are the top of the list. But they tell me that a World Cup is in the offing and that we in Australia will be organising it. That's as maybe—but I'd be interested in playing, that I do know!"

Gareth Davies . . . who can adjust to tactical fashion.

that Gareth Davies deserved better than fourth or fifth place among the outside-half rankings, has been a rugby serial of infinite interest.

The responsibility confronting Davies, one of six Cardiff players in the side, is, I suggest, no more burdensome than that that Dacey, whose left leg is in plaster, would have faced. Conceivably, it might even be less.

After three years out of the national team—he was captain and holder of 18 caps when dropped—Davies has acquired a protective skin. A succession of outstanding exploits for Cardiff over a long period define the standards.

The style of Davies's game is not particularly to Australian liking, a viewpoint not without ironic humour in that a certain Paul McLean used to play in much the same way. But fashions do change and Davies is well capable of adjusting the label—ask the Barbarians.

New sequence

The sequence of matches in the Five Nations' Championship has to be a factor in attempting to gauge who might prevail in the competition. To that extent the original pairings — France v Wales; Ireland v England—would have shaped the tournament.

The machinations of the weather have been such that the Triple Crown and, at a pinch, the championship are within reach of the Welsh. A win in Edinburgh on Saturday would be heady preparation for the home matches with Ireland (March 16) and England (April 20).

As the possibility of an Ireland victory over France in Dublin this Saturday can no longer be the figment of inventive Irish imagi-

Badminton

BADDELEY SEEDED TO MEET ZHAO

By D. J. RUTNAGUR

STEVE BADDELEY, England's No. 1 and the first home challenger to be seeded in the men's singles since 1981, is quietly confident of a quarter finals place in the Yonex All-England Badminton Championships to be played at the Wembley Arena from March 20-24.

At the last eight stage, Baddeley, seeded five to eight, meets the second favourite Zhao Jianhua, a first time participant who went unbeaten during China's tour of England last autumn.

Baddeley, 23, who has never progressed beyond the second round in the All-England championships begins his campaign against Hendry, of Indonesia, a game little player who according to Baddeley would be "a more daunting opponent in Asian conditions."

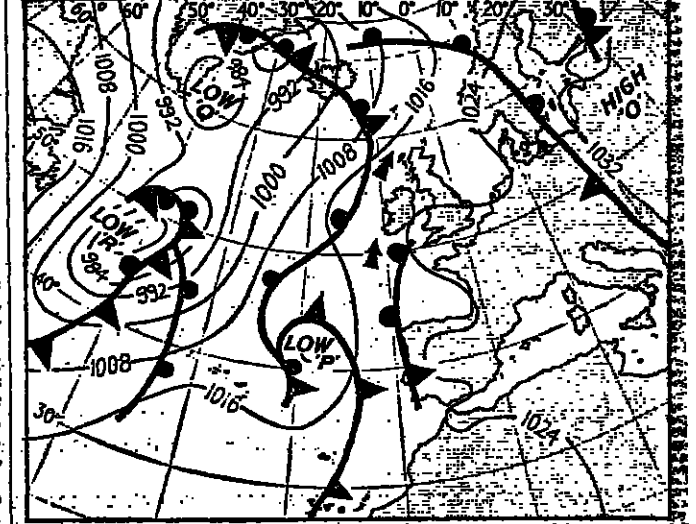
The first really world-class player Baddeley is expected to encounter is the Malaysian Misbun Sidek. Baddeley has beaten Sidek twice recently but not without being fully extended. They are drawn to clash in the third round.

Nick Yates, England's No. 2, has been unlucky. A quarter-finalist last year, Yates has drawn the holder and top seed Morten Frost (Denmark) for his *first round opponent.*

England's best prospect in the women's singles, Helen Troke, was pleased with her draw although she has a testing first round match.

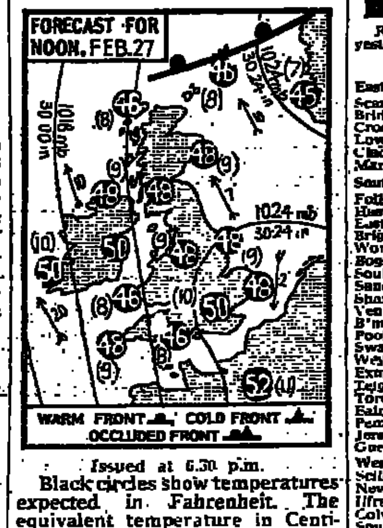
Her opponent is a Dane, Miss Stuer-Lauridsen

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Feb. 26



Low "Q" will move north-east. Low "R" will move quickly north-north-east and deepen, as low "P" drifts north-east and loses its identity. High "O" will be slow moving, declining a little.

BRITISH ISLES



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Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	s	57	14	London	f	50	10
Akrotiri	s	52	11	*L. Angls	s	61	16
Alexndria	c	55	13	Luxembrg	s	45	7
Amsterdm	f	45	7	Madrid	c	54	12
Ascension	s	84	29	Majorca	c	54	12
Athens	s	52	11	Malaga	s	63	17
Bahrain	s	72	22	Malta	s	55	13
*Barbados	f	82	28	Manchester	f	48	9
Barcelona	c	52	11	Melbrne	c	63	17
Beirut	f	50	10	*Mexico C.	s	68	20
Belfast	c	45	7	Miami	s	75	25
Belgrade	c	27	-3	Milan	s	48	9
Berlin	c	37	3	Montreal	c	32	0
*Bermuda	f	70	21	Moscow	s	14	-10
Biarritz	s	63	17	Munich	s	36	2
Birmnghm	s	52	11	Nairobi	f	75	24
Blackpool	s	46	8	Naples	c	54	12
Bordeaux	s	55	13	Newcastle	c	45	7
*Boston	s	52	11	N. Delhi	s	75	24
Boulogne	fg	39	4	New York	r	42	6
Bristol	c	48	9	Nice	f	55	13
Brussels	s	48	9	Oslo	dr	30	-1
Budapest	c	34	1	Oporto	f	63	17
*B. Aires	r	79	26	Paris	f	46	8
Cape Tn	s	75	24	Peking	s	37	3
Cardiff	dr	45	7	*Perth	s	102	39
Casablnca	s	63	17	P. Stanley	f	55	13
Cologne	s	50	10	Prague	c	37	3
Copnhagn	c	32	0	Reykjavik	sl	34	1
*Chicago	c	37	3	Rhodes	s	50	10
Corfu	s	57	14	*Rio de J.	f	81	27
*Dallas	s	59	15	Riyadh	s	79	26
*Denver	s	48	9	Rome	c	55	13
Dublin	f	52	11	Salzburg	s	37	3
Dubrovnik	s	54	12	*S. Frisco	f	52	11
Edinburgh	f	50	10	*Santiago	s	81	27
Faro	r	59	15	*S. Paulo	c	75	24
Florence	f	57	14	Seoul	s	36	2
Frankfurt	s	45	7	Singapore	s	88	31
Funchal	c	61	16	Strasburg	s	46	8
Gibraltar	c	59	15	Stockholm	c	23	-5
Glasgow	c	46	8	Sydney	c	68	20
Guernsey	s	48	9	Tangier	f	63	17
Helsinki	sn	25	-4	Tel Aviv	r	50	10
Hong Kng	c	59	15	Tenerife	f	66	19
Innsbruck	s	48	9	Toronto	c	35	2
Inverness	s	50	10	Tokyo	f	48	9
I.o.M.	c	45	7	Tunis	f	59	15
Istanbul	sn	34	1	Valencia	c	57	14
Jeddah	s	73	23	*Vancouvr	s	43	6
Jersey	s	46	8	Venice	s	45	7
Karachi	s	84	29	Vienna	fg	32	0
L. Palmas	s	66	19	Warsaw	c	27	-5
Lisbon	r	59	15	*Wshngton	f	55	13
Larnaca	c	48	9	Wellington	s	72	22
Locarno	c	45	7	Zurich	s	41	5

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; f—fair; fg—fog; r—rain; s—sunny; sl—sleet; sn—snow; th—thunder. Temps: (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous days readings.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

East	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
Scarboro'	7.8	—	52	11	Sunny
Bridlington	8.2	—	54	12	Sunny
Cromer	7.7	—	52	11	Sunny
Lowestoft	4.0	—	52	11	Sunny
Clacton	1.3	—	50	10	Bright
Margate	—	—	50	10	Bright
South					
Folkestone	—	—	45	7	Fog
Hastings	0.7	—	46	8	Fog am
Eastbourne	0.2	—	46	8	Fog
Brighton	—	—	45	7	Fog
Worthing	—	—	45	7	Fog
Bognor	—	—	45	6	Fog
Southsea	—	—	45	7	Fog
Sandown	—	—	46	8	Fog
Shanklin	—	—	48	9	Fog am
Ventnor	—	—	45	7	Fog
B'mouth	—	—	46	8	Fog
Poole	3.0	—	54	12	Fog am
Swanage	1.9	—	50	10	Brgt am
Weymouth	0.7	—	50	10	Dull
Exmouth	1.1	—	48	9	Fog am
Teignm'h	0.8	—	48	9	Fog
Torquay	1.9	—	55	13	Sun pm
Falmouth	3.8	—	57	14	Sunny
Penzance	1.5	—	—	—	Fog
Jersey	1.3	—	48	9	Fog am
Guernsey	5.7	—	55	13	Sunny
West					
Scilly Is.	2.5	0.10	54	12	Showers
Newquay	0.7	—	59	15	Bright
Ilfrac'be	0.2	0.02	55	13	Driz am
Colwyn B.	4.7	—	48	9	Sun am
Southport	3.8	0.01	50	10	Fog am
Morec'be	—	—	46	8	Dull
Douglas	—	—	45	7	Cldy pm
Scotland					
Eskdale'r	—	0.01	41	5	Fog
Prestwick	2.9	—	50	10	Cloudy
Glasgow	1.4	—	48	9	Cloudy
Tiree	4.8	—	46	8	Bright
Stornoway	3.5	—	50	10	Rain am
Lerwick	5.3	—	48	9	Sunny
Wick	8.5	—	50	10	Sunny
Kinloss	6.9	—	54	12	Sunny
Aberdeen	8.6	—	55	13	Sunny
St Andr's	5.9	—	50	10	Sdn pm
Edinburgh	2.7	—	52	11	Bright
Nthn Ireland					
Belfast	2.7	—	50	10	Fog am
Lake Dist.					
Ambleside	—	0.02	50	10	Drizzle
Kendal	—	0.05	48	8	Cloudy
Keswick	0.6	—	50	10	Cloudy

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Piste	Conditions o.P.	Weather	& Temp (F) 5 pm
Andermatt	45	185	g	v	cl	39
Andorra (Arinsal)	25	115	fa	v	cl	45
Andorra (Soldeu)	20	60	fa	v	cl	34
Arosa	85	125	fa	sp	cl	39
Courmayer	140	300	fa	v	cl	37
Grindelwald	50	120	g	h	th	48
Isola 2000	90	140	f	i	cl	32
Leysin	50	100	f	sp	cl	57
Megeve	40	80	th	h	f	39
Murren	80	200	g	fa	cl	46
St Anton	25	260	fa	v	cl	39
Seefeld	25	50	fa	w	f	50
Tignes	108	160	g	cr	cl	39
Zermatt	40	80	g	v	f	41

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fa—fair; fo—fohn; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.p.—off piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS.—Upper and middle runs complete, spring snow. Lower runs complete, but narrow, spring snow. Vertical runs 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: complete, wet snow. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

GLENCOE.—Insufficient snow for skiing.

LECHT.—Upper middle runs: complete, spring snow. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, spring snow. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for today: Mostly dry with sunny intervals. Isolated rain showers, freezing level 4,000ft. Wind southerly-southeasterly, fresh or strong.

Outlook for tomorrow: Becoming cloudier with strengthening southeasterly wind.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.): 55F (13C), Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 39F (4C). Rainfall nil. Sunshine 1·1 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest, Newquay 59F (15C); Coldest Eskdalemuir 41F (5C); Wettest Tynemouth 0·16 inch; Sunniest Aberdeen 8·6 hours.

Lighting-up time 6.7 p.m. to 6.18 a.m. Sun rises 6.50 a.m. Sets 5.37 p.m. Moon rises 9.33 a.m. Sets 2.18 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 6.3 a.m. (20·4ft), 6.31 p.m. (20ft). Dover 2.57 a.m. (18·8ft), 3.27 p.m. (17·4ft).

Schools Rugby Review

Southern teams lack quality

By Our Schools Rugby Correspondent

THE icy weather ended just in time for the England 18 Group trials to be held last weekend.

At Nottingham, on Saturday, the North outplayed the Midlands for most of the game, while on Sunday, at Beckenham, in a match of disappointing quality the South-East finally beat the South & South-West 16-15 after a number of changes had been made at half-time.

The Final Trial will be held at Nottingham on Saturday week and will be followed by a squad training weekend at Mill Hill from March 22-24.

The Welsh Schools (Senior Group) have already settled most of their selection problems. They have played two matches, beating New Zealand 12-9 and losing 7-3 to Scotland, and have picked a squad of 25 players to visit Zimbabwe. The tour is to start on July 11 and will include six games, finishing with an international and ending on August 3.

Menawhile two touring parties from overseas will be seen in Wales. First to arrive are the **Province of Ontario Schools**, who have four fixtures against county teams, starting with **Gwent** at Pontypool next Wednesday.

Fourth tour

Later the **Japanese High Schools** arrive for their fourth tour in the United Kingdom. They take the field first against a **Welsh Schools Select XV** at Aberystwyth on April 17.

St Brendan's have played five games this term and won them all, but they have a hard return match today at home against **Nantyglo**, to whom they lost 14-6 in Wales last October.

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital (Bristol), less experienced than in the last year or two, have completed another good season, winning 10, drawing one and losing three matches against schools. *Only* at Queen's, Taunton, were they well and truly beaten.

St Mary's & St Joseph's (Sidcup), whose young side have been showing good form, toured in Lancashire last week. They defeated a below-strength Kirkham G.S. side 26-10, but lost to St Mary's, Crosby 11-6.

The successful **Maidstone G.S.** team visited Portugal at half-term and won an international tournament. They had three victories over U.19 sides, San Miguel (Lisbon) 25-0, Oporto 47-8 and Academica (Coimbra).

The last game finished with the score level at 4-4, but Maidsone were judged the winners by the rules of the competition, because one of their opponents had been sent off.

Judd, who have played only once this term, had to call off their proposed half-term tour in the Plymouth area, but Gunnersbury managed two games in Cornwall, beating **Falmouth** 25-4 and losing 10-6 to **Truro**.

RUGBY FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION.—Club: Bath v Exeter (7.15); Bridgend v Penarth (7.15); Cambridge Univ. v Anti-Assassins (2.30); Cardiff v Sth Glamorgan Inst. (7.15); Cross Keys v Llanelli (7); Lydney v R.A.F. (7.15); Maesteg v Sth Wales Police (7); Moseley v Birmingham (7.30); Newbridge v Tredegar (7); Newport v Abertillery (7); Oxford Univ. v Combined London OB (2.30); Rosslyn Pk v Blackheath (7.30). Representative: British Polys v Public School Wands (Worcester, 7.30). British Polys World Cup, Semi-finals (2.30): Bristol v Coventry (Stratford-on-Avon); Wales v Leeds (Sutton Coldfield).
WBS FLOODLIGHT ROSE BOWL.—Semi-final: Bournemouth v Trojans (Salisbury, 7.30).
RUGBY LGE.—Silk Cut Cup, 2nd Rd: Bradford N. v Wakefield; Leigh v Hunslet. Slalom Lager Ch'ship: Hull v St Helens; Leeds v Warrington; Oldham v Castleford.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS

LONDON & SE

	W	D	L	F	A
Askeans	22	1	2	496	185
Bancroft	8	0	16	277	397
Barclays B	17	4	2	421	155
Barnet	7	3	14	268	442
Basingstoke	9	1	17	277	444
Beaconsfld	15	0	7	308	205
Beckenham	11	1	10	342	289
Blackheath	12	1	11	370	461
Bletchley	16	0	7	343	201
Brixton	13	0	12	257	331
Bromley	11	3	10	313	274
Buckingham	15	0	8	311	240
Cheshunt	16	1	9	510	274
Chichester	22	0	2	494	189
Chingford	16	1	5	283	196
Colchester	15	2	7	394	187
E Grinstd	18	0	5	448	209
Effingham	9	1	11	220	313
Esher	14	2	9	453	328
Farnham	13	4	4	378	189
Finchley	12	2	11	363	258
Folkestone	12	1	8	352	177
Fullerians	9	2	13	361	324
Gillingham	16	0	7	400	243
Gosport	8	1	17	345	535
Guildford	23	1	5	680	251
Harlequins	14	1	11	500	359
Hastings	13	1	7	359	237
Havant	19	1	10	345	318
Hendon	14	0	8	370	310
Hertford	16	1	8	327	210
Hitchin	13	0	8	354	213
Horsham	13	2	8	361	224
Ilford W	6	1	14	219	244
Ipswich	14	3	8	529	261
Kingston	16	0	5	386	209
Lewes	18	2	5	522	260
Lloyds Bk	10	0	13	226	316
L Cornish	10	3	5	375	203
L Irish	9	0	13	357	432
L Scottish	9	1	10	297	290
L Welsh	19	2	5	398	341
Maidstone	20	2	7	376	295
Met. Police	12	0	12	382	304
Mill Hill	22	1	3	485	169
Mitcham	14	2	9	321	265
Nat West B	19	0	9	578	314
Nw Ash G	13	0	10	401	248
Newbury	9	1	17	310	443
N Walsham	16	2	5	384	128
Osterley	7	1	12	149	306
Petersfield	12	3	9	288	273
Pinner	13	0	9	371	233
Portsmouth	13	0	11	368	312
Redingensns	12	1	8	312	198
Richmond	9	0	15	387	477
Rosslyn P	18	0	11	523	488
Saracens	12	0	14	479	378
Sidcup	20	1	5	650	231
Slough	13	1	8	277	161
Southend	19	0	4	578	175
Staines	14	2	12	338	306
Streatham	8	2	16	145	317
Sutton	10	0	11	315	323
Tabard	22	1	4	645	182
Thanet W	14	2	7	384	182
Tonbridge	11	1	12	321	364
Trojans	7	2	15	272	389
Twickenhm	10	0	14	307	281
US Prtsmth	5	1	14	131	471
U Clapton	4	0	16	186	337
Uxbridge	10	2	7	204	135
Vigo	10	0	11	272	277
Warlingham	1	0	19	133	439
Wasps	19	1	4	554	266
Welwyn	6	0	17	167	338
Westcombe	13	1	10	418	244
Winchester	8	0	16	289	408
Woodford	12	1	9	283	234

OLD BOYS

	W	D	L	F	A
Abbotstns	7	2	12	189	246
Albanians	17	1	4	367	223
Alleynians	20	0	5	575	165
Ashmoleans	16	1	4	522	200
Bealonians	20	1	4	548	218
Brightonians	7	2	11	230	216
Brockleians	18	2	2	415	195
Campion	16	2	4	393	144
Caterhamns	4	4	12	179	304
Coltelans	12	0	11	318	212
Cranleighns	11	2	9	297	352
Croydonians	7	1	15	139	201
Eliz Barnet	5	0	16	176	369
Elthamians	12	1	7	313	197
Emanuel	13	2	8	333	307
Gaytonians	20	0	6	514	234
Guildfrdns	22	0	4	564	189
Haberdshrs	15	0	8	302	210
Hamptnins	11	3	8	262	301
Juddians	19	4	1	512	186
K.C.S.	15	2	4	272	188
Meadonians	12	2	11	319	380
M Taylors	11	0	13	362	283
M Whitgfts	20	2	4	388	135
Millhillians	7	0	15	222	302
Paulines	6	0	15	222	300
Pelhamians	15	2	5	373	107
Reedonians	9	2	13	277	364
Reigatians	9	3	9	243	301
Rutlishians	18	1	5	380	202
Shooters hlns	7	9	12	181	283
U.C.S.	7	6	13	158	299
Walcountns	14	2	8	348	243
Westcliffns	21	0	6	415	348
Whitgifts	9	1	12	272	360

MIDLANDS

	W	D	L	F	A
Banbury	13	1	11	358	287
Bedford	13	2	15	396	546
Bedfrd Ath	8	1	14	235	288
Birmnghm	10	1	13	280	348
Bromsgrve	11	2	11	380	357
Coventry	12	0	14	428	431
Derby	14	1	8	475	385
Dixonians	16	1	8	383	261
Handsworth	9	1	10	269	262
Kenilworth	13	2	8	399	307
Kettering	9	4	12	348	376
K Norton	18	0	8	433	300
Leamingtn	16	1	8	406	305
Ledbury	18	1	6	489	145
Leicester	20	1	6	713	263
L Buzzard	20	2	6	459	244
Lichfield	31	1	2	687	151
L Buckby	13	0	10	351	205
Luctonians	12	1	11	254	232
Modrens	14	6	9	368	261
Moseley	17	1	10	534	411
Newark	15	2	8	344	232
Nwbld-o-A	13	1	9	338	312
Northmptn	13	0	12	408	453
Nottingham	18	1	7	535	218
Nuneaton	20	6	8	579	372
Rugby	3	1	20	155	426
Solihull	13	1	10	372	274
Stamford	17	3	5	543	238
Stoneygate	14	1	10	386	296
Stourbridge	22	0	5	741	220
Wellngboro	10	3	10	283	288
Westleigh	17	3	5	501	260
Wolverhptn	11	0	11	291	270
Worcester	5	1	19	225	569

WEST & SW

	W	D	L	F	A
Barnstaple	8	1	17	287	423
Bath	19	1	4	579	238
Berry Hill	20	1	2	642	218
Bodmin	19	0	13	615	365
Bristol	18	1	9	540	368
Bude	16	1	7	380	158
Camborne	21	2	8	544	278
Cmbn SoM	12	0	10	279	226
Devizes	7	1	14	274	384
Devonprt S	19	1	8	465	297
Dursley	7	3	14	229	427
Exeter	8	1	16	389	603
Exeter S	11	1	10	258	349
Falmouth	4	1	23	175	845
Gloucester	23	1	12	742	404
Hayle	6	2	19	245	581
Helston	14	0	14	346	302
Ilfracombe	20	0	5	393	287
Launceston	15	0	13	330	348
Midsmer N	19	1	7	525	301
Newquay	18	0	8	505	243
Okehmptn	24	1	4	643	280
Ormdale	21	0	3	589	140
Penryn	9	2	18	378	377
Penzance	10	1	14	220	478
Plymouth	16	1	12	516	404
Redruth	16	1	9	411	283
Redruth Alb	6	3	20	196	533
Rdrh GSOB	12	2	14	301	390
Roseland	3	1	14	137	434
St Annes	10	3	11	277	314
St Austell	8	1	17	275	424
St Day	7	1	20	223	409
St Ives	20	1	5	603	190
St Just	20	0	6	549	213
Salisbury	19	1	5	451	183
Sidmouth	18	2	9	514	298
Stithians	18	2	15	429	384
Taunton	14	1	12	464	381
Tiverton	13	3	12	407	378
Torquay	12	1	8	334	367
Trenellly	4	1	20	146	584
Truro	10	0	20	383	469
Veor	8	2	15	222	352
Wadebridge	14	1	12	349	237
Wellington	7	2	20	199	514
Weston-s-M	13	1	15	340	353
Wimborne	20	1	7	431	201

NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A
Birkenhead	8	0	16	282	428
Broughto P	11	1	15	424	516
Bradford	13	1	11	384	315
Gosforth	17	6	11	290	381
Halifax	8	1	18	247	367
Headingley	17	1	6	514	273
Harrogate	9	0	16	375	382
Hartlepool	13	2	14	116	395
Liverpool	15	0	8	522	388
Middlesbro	17	1	6	447	333
Morley	15	0	3	432	270
Northern	10	0	18	328	431
Otley	18	4	5	306	190
Percy Pk	17	2	11	387	338
Roundhay	18	0	11	561	403
Sale	24	0	2	624	326
Sheffield	18	0	9	452	302
Vale of L	17	1	7	517	311
Wakefield	12	3	12	420	344
Wilmslow	9	0	12	245	304
W Hartlepl	22	1	7	501	325

WALES

	W	D	L	F	A
Aberavon	12	0	18	504	461
Abertillery	6	0	20	282	642
Bridgend	18	0	11	595	410
Cardiff	26	2	4	845	378
Crff HSOB	8	1	15	306	406
Cross Keys	8	0	17	299	441
Ebbw Vale	12	0	16	347	504
Glamorgan	18	0	14	532	400
Llanelli	20	0	10	708	488
Maesteg	16	1	12	386	437
Neath	23	2	6	741	327
Newbridge	17	0	11	527	413
Newport	18	2	11	667	429
Penarth	1	0	26	129	980
Pontypool	27	3	1	929	259
Pontypridd	14	1	14	279	418
S Wales Pl	14	1	6	534	344
Swansea	24	1	1	665	387
Tredegar	6	1	15	222	349

UNIVERSITIES

	W	D	L	F	A
Cambridge	10	1	9	468	384
Oxford	5	0	15	272	391
Queen's, Blf	5	0	12	268	294

IRELAND

	W	D	L	F	A
Ards	17	1	10	377	141
Ballymena	7	1	10	246	294
Bangor	12	0	9	289	231
CIYMS	8	8	13	231	334
Collegians	19	0	8	318	235
Derry	10	0	8	392	261
Dungannon	8	0	10	231	262
Instonians	31	1	3	512	235
Malone	11	0	5	396	165
North	17	1	4	371	159
Bective	13	1	12	402	358
Blackrock	14	1	5	252	256
Bohemians	9	1	13	238	304
Cork Con	22	4	2	543	228
Dolphin	13	2	13	193	289
Garryowen	9	2	15	303	356
Greystones	12	1	8	520	332
Lansdowne	16	1	5	365	222
O Belvedere	9	1	11	272	278
O Wesley	8	1	14	289	326
St Mary's	8	1	12	280	260
Shannon	15	2	7	154	251
Sunday's W	4	1	16	162	541
Terenure	16	1	12	289	319
Wanderers	17	0	6	389	264
Y Munster	12	3	10	319	218

World Cup Soccer

ENGLAND BLEND IN ROOKIES FOR TWO KEY ROLES

By DONALD SAUNDERS

ENGLAND resume their World Cup qualifying campaign against Northern Ireland in Belfast tonight with two rookies in key positions, and Glenn Hoddle and Trevor Francis, arguably their most gifted players, on the substitutes' bench.

That apparent incongruity demonstrates that piecing together a football team with the intention of achieving victory in a crucial match is a far more complex a matter than simply naming the 11 most talented men available.

Gary Stevens, the Tottenham all-rounder, and Trevor Steven, of Everton, line up at the start of an England match for the first time because their presence is considered by Bobby Robson, the manager, to provide the balance essential to his team.

Hoddle is on the bench because he plays a similar mid-field role to the one for which Ray Wilkins is preferred.

And Francis will be a spectator at the start so Tony Woodcock and Mark Hateley can persevere with the front-line partnership that looked so promising against Finland last October.

The manager's intention to give a first cap to Trevor Steven has been apparent since the squad assembled on Sunday.

Yet, ironically, Steven was called late into the party—for the first time—only after the withdrawal of Bryan Robson, whose job has gone, however, not to him but to Gary Stevens.

Fine crosser

Consequently one can only conclude the England manager did not decide until Bryan Robson had pulled out that this was the time to revert to the policy of fielding a "wide player" in the Steve Coppell mould on the right of midfield.

"Steven was originally an out-and-out midfield player but, because he has the ability to dribble, has a good touch and is a very fine crosser of the ball, he has been converted into a wide player," explained Mr Robson.

So, having experimented with two genuine wingers — John Barnes and Mark Chamberlain—last summer, England are now seeking to obtain a dual function from Steven on the right, while Barnes continues in his conventional role on the left.

The manager explained that Gary Stevens, who performed impressively as a substitute against Finland and Turkey last autumn, will be in the team from the start this time because "we want someone a bit like Bryan Robson."

"I did not want anyone to sit back in midfield and hold the position, because Wilkins will already be doing that," said Mr Robson.

"That is why Hoddle is not in the team. With Wilkins and Stevens there, we have the shape and the balance."

Woodcock is retained in attack, although he has only just regained his Arsenal place after being dropped and despite the present excellent form of the fit-again Francis.

Mr Robson, rightly I think, has decided it would be unwise to make an unforced change when he already has two newcomers in the team.

"I have tried to keep the side who beat Turkey as intact as possible," he explained.

"Woodcock has never let me down. He had a dicky ride two or three weeks ago but I say he is over that."

Ruled out

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, is expected to replace the injured Martin O'Neil in midfield with Paul Ramsey, of Leicester. Jimmy Quinn, the Blackburn striker, will probably take over from Billy Hamilton, who is ruled out by injury.

The absence of the skilful, experienced O'Neill and the powerful Hamilton should make England's task less difficult, though a capacity Windsor Park crowd will ensure nerves are fully tested before a closely-contested game is won.

The teams

ENGLAND

	Age	Caps
P. Shilton (Southampton)	35	66
V. Anderson (Arsenal)	28	12
T. Butcher (Ipswich)	26	27
A. Martin (West Ham)	26	12
K. Sansom (Arsenal)	26	47
T. Steven (Everton)	21	0
R. Wilkins (AC Milan, capt)	28	65
G. Stevens (Tottenham)	22	2
T. Woodcock (Arsenal)	29	38
M. Hateley (AC Milan)	23	6
J. Barnes (Watford)	21	15

Substitutes: G. Bailey (Man. Utd), T. Fenwick (Q P R), G. Hoddle (Tottenham), T. Francis (Sampdoria), C. Waddle (Newcastle).

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): P. Jennings (Arsenal), J. Nicholl (WBA), M. Donaghy (Luton), J. McClelland (Watford), J. O'Neill (Leicester), S. McIlroy (Stoke), P. Ramsey (Leicester), I. Stewart (Q P R), J. Armstrong (Real Mallorca), N. Whiteside (Man. Utd), J. Quinn (Blackburn).

F A TELL FANS 'STAY AWAY'

England officials have issued a "stay away" plea to supporters. The Football Association want England fans to stay at home and watch tonight's World Cup tie with Northern Ireland in Belfast on television.

All 28,000 tickets have been sold and Glen Kirton, an F A spokesman, said: "There is no point whatsoever in England supporters travelling."

Tony Woodcock, of Arsenal, who resumes international strike duty with Mark Hateley against Northern Ireland tonight, and, (right) John Barnes, Watford's winger England hope will feed them with penetrative crosses.

Hostile Spaniards unable to ruffle Stein

By DENIS LOWE in Seville

JOCK STEIN, the wily old fox of Scottish football, determined to seize every advantage for tonight's World Cup test against Spain, has refused to name his team until shortly before kick-off time in Seville's Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium.

Opinion within the Scottish camp predicts an unchanged side following decisive home victories in Group Seven against Iceland and Spain, but the manager will do no more than list a party of 14 players.

Gordon Strachan, Manchester United's high-scoring midfielder, Richard Gough, the versatile Dundee United defender, and Steve Archibald, Spain's leading marksman since his move from Tottenham to Barcelona, are the three extra names.

If there is to be a change, Gough could be promoted to give height at the back, but it appears likely all three will start the match on the substitutes' bench.

No co-operation

"I have known the team I want to field for some time, but we haven't had any co-operation from the Spaniards regarding the arrangements for this match, and there is no reason for us to announce our team early and assist their preparations," said Mr Stein.

Scotland's training yesterday near their Jerez hotel was interrupted by unruly Spanish spectators, with bottle tops being thrown at Jim Leighton, the goalkeeper.

"The reception was quite hostile and will give my players a keen edge," said Mr Stein, while the previous session in Seville was keenly observed, against all th conventions, by Spain's manager Miguel Munoz.

"He watched everything we did, and that isn't what you expect. That's the first time I have known it happen during my time in international football," Mr Stein added.

Scotland, he stressed, will approach the match positively after their 3-1 Hampden Park success against Spain, their main rivals to top the qualifying group.

Mr Stein said: "The leadership will come from our captain, Graeme Souness—he has been over this type of course so many times in European and international matches, and knows what is needed on this occasion."

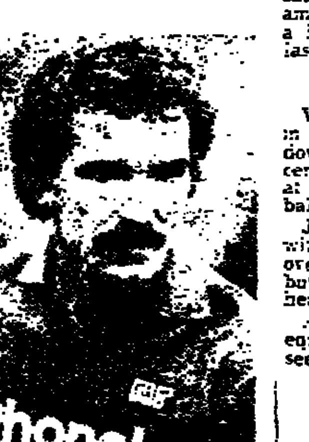
Spain, who await a fitness test on Rafael Gordillo, their forceful midfielder, expect to field a new strike force of Emilio Butragueno and Francisco Clos, and hope a partisan 60,000 crowd and their long unbeaten record in Seville will help to tip the scales.

"They say they haven't lost in Seville for over 60 years—so it's time that record was broken," was Mr Stein's parting word last night.

SPAIN (probable).—Arconada (Real Sociedad); Gerardo (Barcelona), Maceda (Gijon), Goicoechea (Athletic Bilbao), Camacho (Real Madrid), Senor (Zaragoza), Roberto Fernandez (Valencia), Gallego (Real Madrid), Gordillo (Betis), Butragueno (Real Madrid), Clos (Barcelona).

SCOTLAND (probable). — Leighton (Aberdeen), Nicol (Liverpool), Albiston (Manchester Utd), Souness (Sampdoria), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Dalglish (Liverpool), McStay (Celtic), Johnston (Celtic), Bett (Lokeren), Cooper (Rangers).

Referee: M. Vautrot (France).



Graham Souness . . . his experience will help Scotland.

MORAN TO MISS KEY MATCHES

Kevin Moran will miss Manchester United's important home game with League leaders Everton at Old Trafford on Saturday. Moran limped off in the 15th minute of the match at Arsenal with a recurrence of a calf injury.

He is also in danger of missing next week's U E F A Cup tie against Videoton, of Hungary, and the sixth round F A Cup meeting with either West Ham or Wimbledon.

Jennings—modest man of principle

By MICHAEL CALVIN

THE dignity which makes Pat Jennings such an important symbol in soccer's often superficial world will remain intact when Windsor Park acclaims him tonight.

He cannot conceal his embarrassment at the attention devoted to his equalling Bobby Moore's British record of 108 international appearances but the principles which have sustained him through 21 seasons in the Northern Ireland goal deserve close scrutiny.

At the age of 39 the joints ache and the muscles protest. He admits: "You cannot play around 1,100 competitive matches without paying a price"—yet hopes Arsenal will offer him a new contract at the end of the season.

His endurance is a testimony to his natural fitness and his level-headed approach to success stems from the time he was paid £2·50 a week to wield a hatchet for a wood-cutting gang in his native Newry.

"Some youngsters coming into football don't work hard enough because they have not seen the other side of life," he says. "I was brought up the hard way and appreciate what the game has done for me."

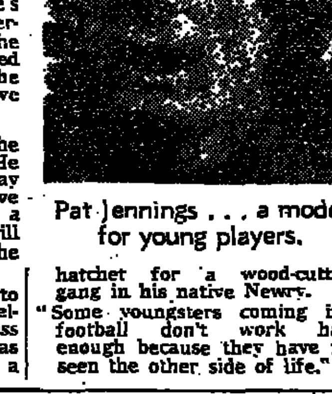
Jennings, who takes pride in playing for Northern Ireland and pleasure from the fact that the game can unite a fundamentally divided society, would like to remain in soccer when he retires.

He informs you in deep, measured tones: "I can't imagine life without football." Young players could wish for no better guide through the minefield of a ruthlessly professional sport.

Significantly, his much admired goalkeeping technique is a product of his perfectionist instincts. He is fiercely self-critical and stresses: "You have got to set your standards and show the right attitude.

"Every time I play I want to protect my reputation. When a goalkeeper makes a mistake he lets his team-mates down.

"The records will be nice to look back on but I can't get carried away. I only hope people don't think I am something special."



Pat Jennings . . . a model for young players.

Schools Soccer

England training hit by weather

By Our Schools Soccer Correspondent

THE weather has seriously affected the international selection weekend, run by English Schools F A at the National Sports Centre, Lilleshall, and at under-18 level the selectors had their first real view of the players only last weekend.

A squad o f16 will return on Saturday and a game against Liverpool University has been arranged for the following day as part of the preparation for the match against Scotland on March 30 at Barnsley.

Castle through

In the E S F A under-16 Nabisco Trophy competition, Western Mere School, Breaston, took a 2-0 lead against City of Lincoln School. Although Lincoln drew level, they were beaten 3-2 after extra time.

In the next round, Western Mere drew 1-1 with Alderman Derby School, Nottingham.

Castle School, Taunton, defeated St Joseph's, Swindon, 1-0 after a hard-fought game in the same competition, and now represent the South West in the first of the national rounds.

In the Gillette Trophy Under-15 Inter-Association competition, Oxford were beaten 3-0 at home in the quarter-finals by Stockport, while Enfield defeated Swindon 3-2 in a close game.

The Public Schools six-a-side competition, which could not be held in December because of waterlogged pitches, has been rearranged for March 19 at Brentwood School, and 28 of the original 32 schools have accepted invitations to take part.

The schools that play the game in the Lent Term continue to show initiative and have selected a representative side to meet Kent.

An Under-16 XI has also been chosen to play the Southern Public Schools Under-16 team, and six-aside competition has been arranged at Douai on March 3 when 16 school will compete.

Reigate Grammar School managed to escape the worst of the weather on their short tour of Belgium, starting with an easy 5-0 victory over St Joseph Institute and then beating OLV College, Bruges, 1-0, with a fine display in the second half.

Millfield's match against Bournemouth School in the Barclay's Bank Under-19 Cup, which should have been played on Saturday, has been re-arranged for next Monday.

Hampshire, the holders, are doing well in the Inter-County Under-19 Championship, which is reaching its final stages.

Their latest success was a 5-0 win over Cornwall, and they now play the North West region champions in the semi-final of the national competition.

Last Night's Soccer

Wales checked by Norway

By ROGER MALONE

Wales .... 1. Norway 1

A LIVELY friendly international at Wrexham last night saw Ian Rush equalise Per-Egil Ahlsen's early goal—and then Wales, twice, and Norway denied by their respective woodwork.

Norway specialised in impressive counter-attacking built on accurate long passes being gathered by well-positioned, strong-running raiders, particularly the powerful Moen. Frequently he gave James, an experiment at centre-back, a severe examination.

Moen's strong run brought a six-minute corner, played by Thoresen to Ahlsen in the left-rear of the box, from where he struck a superb 15-yard shot into the far top corner of Southall's net.

This goal, and several other skilful moves, served to remind us that Norway no longer are easy meat, and had beaten, among others, England three and a half years ago, besides Wales last June.

Promising moves

Wales built promising moves in turn. Curtis, often productive down the right, produced two centres, Rush heading the first at the goalkeeper, and Hughes ballooning the other over.

Jackett, who often linked well with Jones down the left, put over a cross. Davies leapt well but could not keep his downward header on target.

A minute from half-time, Wales equalised. Rush, who earlier had seen a fierce drive bounce clear off the goalkeeper's chest, took advantage of a perfect long pass from Nicholas, and swept it home.

At the interval, Wales replaced Davies with Pritchard, the Bristol City right winger, Curtis moving inside.

These two produced promising moves, after Moen had opened the second half with further problems for James. Moen's run required a James tackle at the expense of a corner—and not far from being a penalty.

There was an agreement for liberal use of substitutes and after 51 and 61 minutes Norway brought on Fjaelberg for Kojedal and Vaadal for the now-limping Moen.

Close control

Hughes impressed with close control and forced Thorstvedt to a sprawling save, but the keeper was lucky when James's fierce shot hit by a post.

Again Wales were foiled by the woodwork, 10 minutes from time, when Rush and Hughes combined adroitly through the middle before Hughes, moving to the edge of the box, saw his low drive hit a post.

Hughes and Rush, now linking well, now often came close to winning this entertaining match for Wales. But in a late scare Vaadal's 20-yard drive beat Southall and hit a post.

WALES.—Southall (Everton); Slatter (Bristol R), Jones (Chelsea), Ratcliffe (Everton), James (QPR), Jackett (Watford), Davies (Man Utd), Nicholas (Luton), Rush (Liverpool), Curtis (Southampton), Hughes (Man Utd).

NORWAY.—Thorstvedt; Henriksen, Kojedal, Hareide, Mordt, Davidsen, Ahlsen, Osvold, Okland, Moen, Thoresen.

Bristol maintain promotion challenge

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Bristol City ... 3. Derby County ... 0

BRISTOL CITY maintained their Third Division promotion challenge at Ashton Gate last night, Glyn Riley putting them on the victory trail with a 15th minute goal against disappointing Derby.

Derby hit back almost immediately but a low shot from Gary Micklewhite, their £75,000 signing from Queens Park Rangers, flashed just wide.

There was no denying the eager home side, though, and Walsh created another fine goal in the 23rd minute.

His quick turn and cross from the left gave Gary Marshall, 20, a winger making his first full League appearance, the chance to head past Eric Steele.

One-sided

Derby offered little in a one-sided first half, and were relieved to see Newman's powerful shot flash a shade wide just before the interval.

Bristol continued to dominate and Bobby Hutchinson sent a header just wide from a Walsh corner.

Walsh then drove a powerful free-kick past Steele but his effort was disallowed because Darryl the referee, had already signalled an indirect kick.

Richard Pratley, the Derby defender, and Riley were booked for fouls.

Crawford, the Bristol substitute, headed the third goal eight minutes from time.

Bristol City.—Shaw; Stevens, Newman, Curle, Hughes, Riley, Marshall, Neville, Hutchinson, Walsh, Stroud.

Derby County. — Steele; Blades, Buckley, Powell, Pratley, Streete, Micklewhite, Christie, Davison, Lewis, Robertson.

REES DOUBLE FOR WALSALL

By A Special Correspondent

Walsall ... 3. York ... 0

Mark Rees destroyed York City with two opportunist first-half goals to enhance Walsall's slender promotion hopes.

Injury-hit York, without four key players, were a pale shadow of the team which captivated everyone with their recent F A Cup deeds.

Walsall, who have scored 12 goals in their last three games from which they have taken maximum points, were in complete control with Shakespeare a driving force in midfield and Rees the danger man in attack.

Taking full advantage of York's indifferent defensive performance, Walsall steamrolled their way to a fine victory which was effectively carved out by Rees's goals in the 19th and 31st minutes.

Flicked header

The best goal of the game came in the 55th minute when O'Kelly recorded his 11th goal of the season. Senior conceded a foul on Handysides and from the free kick, O'Kelly deftly flicked a header into the far corner of the net.

York, suffering an obvious reaction from their heavy Cup reverse at Liverpool, slumped to their third successive defeat. Their only real chance fell to Banton a minute after Walsall's opening goal but he fluffed a gift opening.

Walsall.—Cherry; Caswell, Mower, Shakespeare, Brazier, Hart, Rees, O'Kelly, Elliott, P. Jones, Handysides.

York.—R. Jones; Senior, Hay, Richard, MacPhail, Hasclgrove, Ford, Banton, Walwyn, Hood, Pearce.

SUPERBOWL PLAN

Blackpool F C want to build a £10 million superbowl stadium on their Bloomfield Road site. It would be completely covered, have an artificial pitch and seat 15,000. Money would be raised by floating equity shares says managing executive Mr Rashid Gibrail.

Golf

TOP PRIZE IS TARGET FOR MOSEY

By ADRIAN FREDERICK

IAN MOSEY is one of the favourites to win the biggest first prize ever offered on the Sunshine Circuit in the £50,000 Trust Bank Tournament of Champions starting at the Kensington Golf Club, Johannesburg, today.

He has finished in the top five in the last three tournaments played at this course and in yesterday's Pro-Am he scored 65 which was the best round of the day.

"This is a course that demands good positional play," said Mosey, the winner of last year's Monte Carlo Open.

"There are big slopes on the greens and it is more important to have an uphill putt than it is to be close to the pin with a downhill putt.

"Position is the key here and you have to drive into the right place on the fairway in order to hit your second to give yourself an easy putt," said Mosey.

Mosey's aim

After the Sunshine Circuit Mosey plans to play as many tournaments as he can on the European tour over the next six months.

"I will play until the Ryder Cup team is chosen because I believe that I have a chance to make the team," he said.

Mosey plans to play in Australia later this year and will then return to the South African tour. In yesterday's round he made seven birdies and did not drop a shot.

A total of 11 British and Irish golfers have qualified for this prestige tournament which is restricted to the top 65 on the money list.

Phil Harrison, who would have qualified thanks to a strong finish in last week's tournament in Phalaborwa, has returned home and will be flying out later this week to play on the Asian circuit.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LGE.—Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4—Winnipeg 12, New York Rangers 5—Chicago 4, Toronto 5.

Under-21 Friendly

DONOWA GETS FIRST CAP

Louie Donowa the Norwich winger, wins his first England Under-21 cap in the friendly international against Israel in Tel Aviv tonight.

Donowa, 19, was a late addition to the squad when Trevor Steven was promoted to the senior party but steps straight into the team.

Aston Villa striker Paul Rideout, who was called up only when Fulham's Dean Coney withdrew, also lines up in attack.

The team includes three recognised wingers with the selection of Southampton's Danny Wallace and Villa's Mark Walters in addition to Donowa. Wallace and Donowa are likely to play wide with Walters partnering his clubmate Rideout in the centre.

Six changes

In all there are six changes from the Under 21's last outing, a goalless draw with Turkey in a European Championship qualifier.

Today's match is a curtain raiser to the full international between Israel and the Republic of Ireland, which will be played immediately afterwards in the same stadium.

David O'Leary, Arsenal's experienced central defender, begins the task of rebuilding his international career in this game.

O'Leary, dropped for only the second time in a career stretching back to 1976 when Eire lost to Italy earlier this month, replaces Mark Lawrenson, who has a shoulder injury.

ENGLAND UNDER-21. — Seaman (Birmingham), Venison (Sunderland), Pickering (Sunderland), Cranson (Ipswich), Fairclough (Nottingham Forest), Robson (Arsenal, capt.), I. Snodin (Doncaster), Donowa (Norwich), Rideout (Aston Villa), Wallace (Southampton), Walters (Aston Villa).

Subs: Mimms (Rotherham), Parker (Fulham), Sinnott (Watford), Barker (Blackburn), Cottee (West Ham).

Eire (probable): Bonner (Celtic); Hughton (Tottenham), O'Leary (Arsenal), McCarthy (Man. City), Beglin (Liverpool), Whelan (Liverpool), Waddock (QPR), McGrath (Man United), Sheedy (Everton), Stapleton (Man. United), Campbell (Real Santander).

O'CALLAGHAN STAYS LONGER

Kevin O'Callaghan, Ipswich's Irish international winger, has been given a second month in which to convince Portsmouth they should pay £100,000 for him.

O'Callaghan played three matches during his first month on loan at Fratton Park, but Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, was keen to extend the loan period.

BOWLS

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL PAIRS.—Area finals: J. Stevens & J. Evans (Torbay) 20, C. Asbury & R. Dowse (Torbay) 11—J. Kelly & J. Scott (Plymouth CS) 23, D. Elliott & C. Rice (Plymouth Mayflower) 9 — J. McCalmont & N. Carroll (Weyr) 25, T. Lea & K. McAlpine (King George) 8—P. Fairclough & R. Price (Folkestone) 21, G. Chapman & M. Luker (Angel) 26—R. Kemp & K. Cole (Alderley) 22, A. Normand-Sweet & A. Ross (Longmeadow) 16—R. Burden & J. Wiseman (Ilminster) 21, D. Johnson & C. Burch (Ilminster) 20—C. Willmore & G. Capern (Chestnut) 20, S. Palmer & C. Lewis (Tyst) 18—R. Gore & J. Watson (Tilbury) 34, N. Groves & J. Martin (Tower-undi) 15—L. Barber & C. Stevens (Paddington) 20, E. Hayward & D. Crawford (Century) 18.

WARDS HASTINGS OPEN T'MENT.—Pairs, Rd 2: E. Rose & E. McCloud 24, D. Fryer & F. Tilbee 22 — R. Humphrey & R. Packham 24, J. Gates & D. Foster 15—D. Butchers & S. Palley 26, P. & W. Maslow 11 — C. Boyle & W. T. Carter 25, J. Bonnett & K. Baker 18—V. Valenzuela & Y. Boyle 22, G. Patterson & J. Moore 18—H. Smith & M. Phelps 31, T. Bolling & R. L. Day 13—P. Reynolds & D. Wells 38, A. Hoad & C. Brann 11.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL

Wales (1) 1 Norway (1) 1
Rush — Ahlsen — 4,552
(Wrexham)

CANON LGE—Div. II

Barnsley (1) 1 Middlesbrgh (0) 0
Wylde — 6,866

Carlisle (1) 2 Leeds (0) 2
O'Riordan 2 — Wright, Aspin
—5,484

DIVISION III

Bristol C. (2) 3 Derby (0) 0
Riley, Marshall, Crawford — 8,729

Gillingham (0) 1 Hull (0) 0
Mehmet — 6,051

Preston (2) 3 Cambridge (0) 1
Brazil, Farrelly, Clark — Cooper — 2,655

Walsall ... (3) 3 York ... (0) 0
Rees 2, O'Kelly — 5,051

DIVISION IV

Colchester (1) 2 Mansfield (1) 1
Day, Groves — Winter

Crewe (1) 1 Tranmere (2) 3
Hart (pen.) — Clayton, Edwards, Hilditch — 1,867

Halifax (0) 1 Northampton (0) 0
Little (pen.) — 1,009

Scunthorpe (1) 4 Rochdale (1) 2
Cammack 2, Broddle 2 — Taylor 2 — 1,694

Torquay (0) 0 Swindon (0) 0 — 1,165

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY —1st Rd. 2nd Leg

Brentford (1) 2 Reading (0) 0
Wignall, G. Roberts — 2,011
Brentford win 5-1 on agg.
(Winners home to Cambridge)

Millwall (2) 3 Southend (1) 1
Hinshelwood, Bremner, McLeary — Gymer — 2,281

WORLD CUP.—Asian Qualif Group IV: China 8, Brunei 0 (Macao).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CH'SHIP.—Group 1: Greece 2, Albania 0 (Chalkis).

SCOTTISH LGE.—Div. 1: Brechin 0, Motherwell 3—Falkirk 1, Ayr 0—Kilmarnock 0, Clydebank 0—St Johnstone 0, Meadowbank 3. Div. II: Alloa 1, Dunfermline 3—Berwick 1, Queen's Pk 0—Cowdenbeath 3, Arbroath 2—Queen of South 0, Stirling Alb 1.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Birmingham 0, Tottenham 2—Brighton 4, Southampton 2—C. Palace 0, Norwich 5—Ipswich 4, Chelsea 1—Portsmouth 2, Reading 0—Watford 2, Charlton 2.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Coventry 1, Derby 2—Liverpool 1, Notts Co 1—Manchester Utd 4, W Bromwich 0. Div. II: Blackpool 4, Bolton 4—Grimsby 2, Scunthorpe 2—Leeds 2, Doncaster 2—Middlesbrough 3, York 1—Rotherham 2, Oldham 3—Sunderland 0, Burnley 0.

F A TROPHY.—3rd Rd Replays: Bath City 0, Maidstone Utd 1 (after extra time).

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE.—Prem. Div.: Clevedon 2, Barnstaple 0—Frome 0, Exmouth 1. League Cup: Paulton 2, Bristol Manor Farm 3.

GOLA LGE.—Frickley 4, Northwich Vic 0.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Prem. Div.: Bedworth 2, Welling 0—Fareham 1, Hastings 0.

NORTHERN PREM. LGE.—Liverpool 2, Worksop 3.

LEAGUE CUP, 2nd Rd: Grantham 1, Rhyl 1.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Prem. Div.: Carshalton 3, Wycombe 3—Harlow 0, Worthing 3—Hitchin 3, Billericay 1—Walthamstow 1, Windsor 1.

OTHER MATCH.—C. Casuals 0, Cambridge Univ. 1.

SCHOOLS.—ESFA BHS Trophy: Essex 5, Middlesex 3. SW Counties Under-18 Lge: S. Glamorgan 0, Hereford & Worcs 3.

RUGBY UNION. — Nottingham 29, Sheffield 9—Swansea 42, Aberavon 6.

EVANS ON LOAN

Tony Evans, the Wolves striker, has joined Bolton on a month's loan and they are prepared to give him a contract until the end of the season.

Speedway

TWO NEWCOMERS FOR COVENTRY

Coventry have completed their team for the coming speedway season by signing David Bargh, the New Zealander, from Newcastle, and Frank Andersen, the Dane who rode for Exeter last season.

Coventry signed Kelvin Tatum two weeks ago but were thrown into disarray when the Speedway Control Board decided that two of their regulars, Gary Guglielmi and Steve Payne, who face drug charges in Australia, would be banned from British speedway this season.

SOCCER PROGRAMME

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

WORLD CUP—Group III

N. Ireland v England ....
(Windsor Park, Belfast)

GROUP VII

Spain v Scotland ....
(Seville)

FRIENDLY INTERNAT.— Israel v Rep. of Ireland (Tel Aviv, 6.30).

U-21 INTERNATIONAL.—Israel v England (Tel Aviv, 11.30).

WELSH F A CUP.—5th Rd: Swansea v Hereford.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Arsenal v Swindon (2).

CENTRAL LGE (7).—Div. I: Aston Villa v Stoke; Nottm Forest v Everton. Div. II: Port Vale v Hull.

GOLA LGE.—Bob Lord Trophy, 3rd Rd: Kettering v Altrincham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE.—Cup, 2nd Rd: Horwich v Matlock; Marine v Hyde.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Premier Lge: RS Southampton v Witney. Midland Div.: VS Rugby v Coventry Sp. Southern Div.: Dunstable v Poole.

F A TROPHY.—3rd Rd Replay: Stafford v Bromsgrove.

EASTERN COUNTIES LGE.—Bury v March; Sudbury v Gorleston.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Div. II South: Feltham v Ruislip.

F A VASE.—5th Rd, 2nd Replay: Fleetwood v Chester-le-Street (2.45).

F A YOUTH CUP.—4th Rd: QPR v Millwall (7).

U.A.U. CH'SHIP. — Semi-final: Aberystwyth v Exeter (Bristol Univ. 2).

FRIENDLY.—Coventry v F K Gothenburg (Lilleshall, 11.30).

Snooker

STEVENS QUIETLY THROUGH

By JANICE HALE

KIRK STEVENS reached the semi-finals of a major tournament for the second time this season by beating Dennis Taylor 5-2 in their quarter-final of the Dulux British Open at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, yesterday.

Taylor had looked as if he was going to repeat the victory he achieved over Stevens en route to winning the Rothmans Grand Prix in October when he won the first two frames.

A break of 33 helped Taylor take the first frame and a 48 clearance gave him the second.

Those two frames lasted 30 and 24 minutes respectively, but the next was to prove the longest of the match, 41 minutes, and began a five-frame winning sequence from Stevens.

When Stevens, a Canadian ranked fourth in the world, last reached a semi-final, he was beaten 9-2 by Steve Davis, the eventual winner, in the Coral UK championship.

Steven's next opponent will be Davis, who comfortably beat New Zealander Dene O'Kane 5-1, including a break of 100.

The Stevens-Taylor match was mundane in contrast to the previous evening when Alex Higgins compiled a total clearance of 142 and matched Cliff Thorburn's high quality safety play to win the 65-minute seventh frame for his 5-2 victory.

Low confidence

Last night Stevens's highest break was a very modest 31 and, with neither player seemingly able to put together frame-winning breaks, confidence faltered on both sides.

Inevitably, when balls are not being potted, every shot becomes difficult, and the speed of play and shot selection suffers. Instead of just being able to go to the table to play the obvious shot, the player has to consider the consequences of missing.

In actual playing time, the seven frames occupied three hours 38 minutes, an average of 31 minutes per frame.

That was not excessively long, but it gave an indication that comparatively short matches with large amounts of prize-money at stake, are tending to take longer.

At one time, the average length of a frame of professional snooker was between 20-25 minutes.

Stevens was unrepentant about the speed of his play, explaining: "I've never won a major tournament and if this is the way I have to play to do it . . ."

It was successful this time, as it was Stevens's first-ever victory over Taylor in a major tournament.

THIRD ROUND.—A. Higgins (Manchester) bt C. Thorburn (Canada) 5-2. Frames: 77-15, 79-24, 15-96, 21-90, 142-0, 95-54, 66-55.

QTR-FINALS.—K. Stevens (Canada) bt Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) 5-2. Frames: 31-89, 36-89, 79-41, 70-3, 79-17, 60-48, 73-50.

S. Davis (Romford) bt D. O'Kane (NZ) 5-0. Frames: 48-56, 81-15, 75-31, 127-10, 80-46, 85-40.

RYAN OUT AT CAMBRIDGE

By TREVOR WILLIAMSON

CAMBRIDGE, who have won only one of their last 14 league matches, yesterday dismissed John Ryan, their manager, after 13 months in charge.

During his tenure of office United have managed just five League victories and are now bottom of the Third Division, nine points behind Preston who are immediately above them.

Ryan was a full back with Luton, Norwich and Manchester City before taking charge at the Abbey Stadium early last year as successor to John Docherty.

John Cozens, Mr Ryan's assistant, has been appointed caretaker-manager and took charge for last night's League game against Preston.

David Ruston, the Cambridge chairman, said: "The reason for the sacking was quite simply the performances on the field. They speak for themselves.

"We have nobody in mind to fill the vacancy but intend to act as quickly as possible."

Meanwhile, Queens Park Rangers have decided they cannot afford Craig Johnston, Liverpool's South African-born midfielder who asked for a transfer last week after failing to regain his first team spot. Rangers are to persevere with Wayne Fereday at full back.

Lawn Tennis

British girls reach Winter Cup finals

By JOHN PARSONS

BRITAIN'S 16 and under girls have beaten Finland and, much more significantly, West Germany, to reach the finals of the European Winter Cup to be held in France from March 8-10.

Sue Mappin, the National team manager, delighted by this further evidence of progress now being reflected on several fronts in British women's lawn tennis. She said: "It's the first time for a British team of any age group has qualified for the Winter Cup finals in my time at the L T A."

The match against West Germany in Helsinki was not decided until the last doubles when Sue McCarthy and Anne Simpkin hit back from losing the first set to achieve a heartening victory.

Miss McCarthy (S. West) and Teresa Catlin (East) who was also in the team, will find themselves in opposition at Bisham Abbey this weekend in the closing stages of the Prudential National Inter-regional competition.

The semi-final draw for an event which now extends to cover teams of two boys and two girls in three age groups—12, 14 and 16—is South East v Midlands, East v South West.

Western Counties Automobile Company, Bristol, has again agreed to sponsor the Western Counties Bristol B M W Tournament at Horfield from April 8-13 and, with increased financial support from the L T A, the £3,000 prize money will be almost double that of last year's inaugural event.

Motor Racing

SHEENE HAPPY WITH PROGRESS

Barry Sheene, former world 500cc motorcycle world champion, spent all day testing the Toyota Celica Supra he will be driving in the opening round of the Trimoco British saloon car championship at Silverstone on March 24.

"I put in a lot of days, really just to get driving time in the car. I am still learning a lot but am happy with the progress" said Sheene who lapped in 1 minute 40 seconds—less than one second outside the saloon car lap record.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE.—C Services 5, R Navy 0.

UNIVERSITY MATCH (Acert London Lge).—Cambridge 2, Oxford 0.

SCHOOLS.—Felsted 2, HA XI 6—Oakham 2, Perse 0—St Lawrence, Ramsgate 3, Langley Park 0—Wellington (Berks) 5, Charterhouse 0.

CRICKET

SHELL SHIELD.—Basseterre: Leeward Islands 380 & 71-2, Jamaica 151 & 318. Leeward Islands won by 8 wkts. Roseau, Dominica: Windward Islands 190, Barbados 83-5. Drawn, rain.

MOTOR SPORT

COSTA BRAVA RALLY.—Final standings: M. Biasion (Lancia) 5h 50m 55s; 1; D. Cerrato (Lancia) 6-2-6, 2; S. Servia (Rothmans Lancia) 6-4-53, 3.

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TELEVISION — WEDNESDAY

GUIDE BY HARVEY LEE

BBC-1

6.50 a.m.-9.20 Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 10.30-10.50 Play School. 10.50-11.15 Gharbar. Recommends early tests for cancer. 12.30 News, weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE only: Financial Report and News headlines). 1 Pebble Mill at One. Fish dishes from the Scilly Isles, prepared by Sue Hicks. 1.15 King Rollo. 1.50-2 Brica-Brac. 3.18 (not London) Regional News. 3.50 Play School. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures, Cartoon. 4.30 The Hollow Land. Bernard Hill reads part three of the Jane Gardam story. 4.45 Captain Caveman. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Seaview. Back to the Blackpool boarding house. 5.35 Grange Hill. Calley uses hypnosis to catch a thief. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

6 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 35 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

7 00 WOGAN — The televisual equivalent of wood stopper, in which Terry Wogan, albeit a master joiner, seems determined to plane all manner of guests down to the same, basic, level.

7 25 WORLD CUP SPECIAL — Northern Ireland v. England — "the most eagerly awaited match of the season," we're assured by the BBC, apparently rehearsing hyperbole for the finals in Mexico next year. John Motson provides the live commentary and half-time allows highlights of Scotland against Spain, in Seville.

9 25 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST — by The Labour Party.

9 35 NEWS, WEATHER.

10 00 "THE MAN WHO HAUNTED HIMSELF" (1970) Alfred Hitchcock's half hour version of this doppelganger drama was much more insidious and tense than this late offering from the Basil Dearden-Michael Relph combine. Roger Moore's stony acting is an added disability. He plays the eponymous man whose lookalike takes over at home and at work. Hildegard Neil, Anton Rodgers and Freddie Jones also appear.

11 30 NIGHT COURT — The new assistant is taking her work-mates home with her. 11.55 Weather.

BBC-2

6.55 a.m.-7.20 Open University. 9.38-3 Daytime on Two, schools and general interest programmes. 5.30 News, weather. 5.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys—Firle Place, East Sussex, with David Battie, an expert on Georgian furniture and porcelain, rpt.

6 00 "HORIZONS WEST" (1952) Battling brothers Rock Hudson (goodie) and Robert Ryan (baddie) go their own ways after the Civil War, one to uphold the law, the other to break it. But fate forces a final encounter.

7 20 FLOWER OF THE MONTH—Daffodils, celebrated by Geoffrey Smith, who also advises on how best to treat the leaves after the flowers have faded. Repeat.

7 30 OPEN SPACE: ADVOCACY — The Enemy Within. In the occasional series, barrister Michael Mansfield uses the Prime Minister's allusion to striking miners to argue that the real foe within the fold are those who seek to limit the hard-won trade union rights to bargain with employers and protect jobs.

8 10 BRASS TACKS — A Patient's Dilemma. How to be sure that "alternative" medicines are an effective alternative? David Henshaw's report worries for patients about the bewildering variety of alternative treatments, and the confusion over the qualifications of those who practise them.

9 00 *BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE — Blackmailer becomes blackmailed, when Sir Giles (George Cole) is caught in compromising circumstances by his determined wife (Geraldine James) and his malevolent manservant, Blott (David Suchet) in this fourth of six chapters from Malcolm Bradbury's grotesque piece of motorway madness. Roger Bamford's direction is nicely under the top. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9 55 THE MOODY BLUES — First half of the recent concert recorded at Wembley Arena by the pretentious pop group. Numbers tonight include the eternal "Question". More next Wednesday.

10 30 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST — by the Labour Party.

10 40 NEWSNIGHT. 11.25 Weather. 11.30-12.25 a.m. Open University.

ITV Thames

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines. 9.30 For Schools. 12 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. Quiz. 1 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. Apricot and almond flan. 2.30 On the Market. Minestrone soup a la Tom Jackson, the former leader of the Post Office union. 3 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4 Button Moon, rpt. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. With Sheelagh Gilbey (Oracle sub-titles.) 4.45 Fraggle Rock. The reincarnated Muppets return. 5.15 Blockbusters. Quiz.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS.

6 25 HELP! — Apprenticeships for girls.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 00 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . . ? — Lest you missed Denis Healey indulging in "Holiday Talk" on Channel 4 last night, this has Judith Chalmers following in his sand-prints, along the Algarve, in southern Portugal. Anneka Rice, meanwhile, wobbles off on a five-week tour of Australia, starting in Sydney. (Oracle sub-titles.)

7 30 CORONATION STREET. (Oracle sub-titles.)

8 00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE — with Eamonn Andrews.

8 30 THERE COMES A TIME . . . Wally K. Daly's oddly unfunny comedy series about a businessman whose family receive the news of his imminent expiry with about the same degree of emotion as if learning a library book is overdue. Andrew Sachs leads. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9 00 *THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH — Leading Men. Apart from the confusing fact that one man in a snowstorm looks very much like another man in a snowstorm (the ponies at least distinguish Scott's team from Amundsen's), this blanched episode provides a feast for the eyes and a wonder that no one caught frostbite during filming. The intellect, however, has less of a treat, forced to accept Trevor Griffiths's stark depiction of Captain Scott as an arrogant, aloof, shamateur, angered by advice, even from specialists on his own team, and a feeble figment of his Wagnerian wife Kathleen's heroic fantasies. Martin Shaw sucks his pipe grimly as Scott. (Oracle sub-titles.)

10 00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST — by the Labour Party.

10 10 NEWS AT TEN, then Thames News Headlines.

10 40 SNOOKER — Quarter-final highlights from Derby. 12.15 a.m. Night Thoughts, with the Bishop of Durham.

Channel 4

2.30 Snooker—Quarter-final action from the Dulux tournament at Derby. 4 A Plus 4—Monthly news review. 4.30 Countdown. 5 Alice. 5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

6 00 DANGER MAN (b/w) — Ronald Allen, the "Crossroads" star, and Honor Blackman as an American journalist and his wife arrested in the Caribbean. Repeat.

6 30 THE LIVING BODY—Internal Defences. How the body repels malicious microbes.

7 00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS; at 7.50 Comment by a Conservative MP.

8 00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES — Rebirth of a Nation? Prof Gwyn Alf Williams argues that capitalism drove the Welsh to chapel in their thousands. Not so, says Wynford Vaughan-Thomas. The Methodist reformer Howell Harris was responsible for the tide of religious dissent towards the end of the last century.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS — Issues underlying the teachers' proposed strike action.

9 00 VISIONS—Useful scene-setter to the Hungarian cinemas season starting tonight, includes clips from featured films and chats to their directors. But it's hardly all fun. In one clip, a doctor tells a depressive to go to a film. "But not a Hungarian one" he warns. Gypsies, housing, industrialisation and incest are popular themes, with the cinema expressing political opposition largely lacking in a one-party state.

10 00 "THE TWO OF THEM" (1977) Two women, their relationship and their miserable marriages, examined by this first in a season of Hungarian films. Marina Vlady and Lili Monori co-star.

11 45-11.55 DADARAMA — Green River/Yellow River. More video art by David Cunningham.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard, rpt.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 Mr & Mrs.
2 00 Problem Page.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 27 TVS News; The Young Doctors.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 Fraggle Rock — new series.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place On Earth—part 3.
10 00 Labour PPB.
10 10 News; TVS News.
10 40 Snooker.
12 25 Company.

Anglia

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard, rpt.
12 20 Mr & Mrs.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place On Earth—part 3.
10 00 Labour PPB.
10 10 News; Anglia News.
10 40 Snooker.
12 15 Candles in the Dark.

Central

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard, rpt.
12 30 Silver Spoons.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 Hardcastle & McCormick.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 Fraggle Rock — new series.
5 15 Newshound.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place On Earth—part 3.
10 00 Labour PPB.
10 10 News; Central News.
10 40-12.25 Snooker.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard, rpt.
12 30 Calendar Health Club.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 Fraggle Rock — new series.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Politics South West — Pensioner Power.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place On Earth—part 3.
10 00 Labour PPB.
10 10 News; Local News.
10 44 Snooker.
12 15 Postcript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 30 For Schools.
12 00-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 The Phyllis Diller Show.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 The Barnstormers.
7 00-10 As TSW.
10 00 Jack Duff & The Gary Lloyd Sound.
10 10-12.15 As TSW.
12 15 News & Weather in French; Weather.

HTV

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard, rpt.
12 30 Benson.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 Simon & Simon.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; HTV News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 Fraggle Rock — new series.
5 15 Three Little Words.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place On Earth—part 3.
10 00 Labour PPB.
10 10 News; HTV News.
10 40 Snooker.
12 15 Weather.

HTV Wales: 6 p.m.-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard, rpt.
12 30 Teachers Only.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Do It.
4 45 Fraggle Rock — New series.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Politics South West — Pensioner Power.
7 00 Wish You Were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place On Earth—part 3.
10 00 Labour PPB.
10 10 News; Local News.
10 44 Snooker.
12 15 Postcript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Open University

BBC 2 TV: 6.55 a.m.-7.20 A101. 11.30 p.m. T283. 11.55-12.25 S202.

Radio 4 VHF: 11.30 p.m. A515. 11.50-12 Music.

Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 A352.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1 p.m. Countdown. 1.30 S.W.A.L.K. 2 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Snooker—British Open Championship. 4 A Home of Your Own. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6 Brookside. 6.30 Pwl: Pencampwriaeth Wrexham Lager Championship. 7 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Dilyn Yr Og. 8 Yr Achos Hwn. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; yn dilyn Penawdau Newyddion. 9.5 "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" (1980 New Zealand docudrama chronicling the conviction of an innocent farmer. David Hemmings and John Hargreaves. 11 Diverse Reports. 11.25-12.25 Black on Black.

BBC WALES

5.35 p.m.-6 Wales Today. 6.35 7 Sportfolio. 11.55 Film '85. 12.25 a.m-12.30 News of Wales; Weather.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
9 00 News.
9 05 Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 00 Gardeners' Question Time, rpt.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 Missionary in Peking, rpt: Ethel Wilding.
11 48 Music Shop.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 "The Great Impersonation": 4, rpt.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 35 Labour PPB.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 The Storytellers: 2. Maupassant's "How an Umbrella Changed Everything" dramatised by Shirley Cooklin.
3 47 Time for Verse.
4 00 File on 4, rpt.
4 40 Story Time "Old Glory" (8).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial News.
6 30 Just a Minute.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Checkpoint.
7 45 Miracles Take a Little Longer (2).
8 45 Analysis: The Second Spanish Armada.
9 30 More Wrestling than Dancing, rpt: 5.
9 45 Kaleidoscope.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "Frost in April" by Malachi Whitaker, read by Stephanie Turner.
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 p.m. Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools. 11 p.m. Study on 4: Get By in Greek. 11.30-12 Open University. 12.30 a.m.-1 10 Night-time Schools.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Your Midweek Choice (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composers: The Papal Court.
9 45 Two Composer Conductors: Pfitzner, Hindemith.
10 25 Violin and Piano: Judith Weir, Haydn, Janacek.
11 00 Russian Music: Borodin, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev.
12 15 Concert Hall: Paul Galbraith (guitar).
1 00 News.
1 05 Ken Wheeler's Windmill Tilter (1): jazz version of the Don Quixote story.
1 30 Matinée Musicale.
2 30 English Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble.
3 10 Schoenberg after Maeterlinck.
4 00 Choral Evensong from Hereford Cathedral.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Début: Lars Ulrik Mortensen (harpsichord).
7 00 "Sir Thomas More": rpt of the play presumed to be by Shakespeare and others.
9 00 Bournemouth SO. Sheila Armstrong (soprano), Alicia de Larrocha (piano): Mozart, Mahler (8.20-9.50 Six Continents).
11 00 Anthony Goldstone (piano): Glazunov, Medtner, Schumann.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Gloria Hunniford.
3 30 Music All the Way.
6 00 David Hamilton.
6 00 John Dunn.
7 30 Soccer Special.
9 30 Listen to the Band.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Cantabile.
10 15 The Life of Jim.
10 30 Hubert Gregg.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Bill Rennells.
3 00 Cynthia Glover, rpt.
3 30-4 Vintage Sporting Years, rpt.

VHF: 7.30 p.m. John Dunn. 8 String Sound. 8.30 Male Voice Choirs. 9.15 Listen to the Band. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes.
7 30 Janice Long.
10 00-12 John Peel.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Mainstream. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 10 News. 10.1 Time Remembered. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Mediterranean Dialogue.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Handel and the Oratorio. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Classical Guitar. 3.30 Two Cheers for February. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.35 Waveguide.

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 International Soccer Special 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 11.30 Top Twenty.

12 Midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Two Cheers for February. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.20 Foreign Correspondents. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 International Soccer Special. 5.45 The World Today.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90-2 MHz).
Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90-3-92-5).
Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92-94-5, 97-1).
World Service: 648, 463.
Radio London: 1458, 206. (94.9).
LBC: 1152, 261. (97.3).
Capital: 1548, 194. (95.8).

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THEATRES

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BIRTHS

ALLCOTT.—On Feb. 24, to Dee (nee Metcalfe) and Tony, a daughter (Nicole Ruth Ann), sister for Richard and Stephen.

BEAUMONT.—On Feb. 13, to CHARLOTTE and CHARLES, a daughter (Flora).

BURNS. — On Feb. 27, at the British Military Hospital, to Hennover, to Julia (nee Barnes) and Jeremy, a son (Marcus James).

CARPENTER.—On Feb. 20, to Margaret (nee Cumberland) and David, a son (Robert Richard).

CHAMBERLAIN. — On Feb. 25, to Faith (nee Ventress) and Paul, a son (Charles Richard David), a brother for Timothy.

CLIFF.—On Feb. 20, to Hazel (nee Donald) and Peter, a son (Marcus Peter Donald).

CONACHER.—On Feb. 19, at St. Albans City Hospital, to Jane (nee Crowhurst) and Ian, twin girls (James Monro and Jordan Alexander).

COX.—On Sunday, Dec. 30, 1984, to Jennifer (nee Harrison) and Michael, a second son, David John, a brother for our dear son James. Our thanks for our dear son James, who spent eight days in the care of Lincoln District and St Thomas' Hospitals. All at home now.

DEAN. — On Feb. 21, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Angela (nee McGuire) and Ian, a daughter (Joanna Maria), a sister for Alex.

ELLIOTT. — On Feb. 22, to Jane (nee Hobson) and Charles, a daughter (Louise Elizabeth), a sister for Emma.

EMMETT.—On Feb. 23, at Guy's Hospital, to Sarah (nee Mallett) and David, a son (Matthew Edward).

GALLIE. — On Feb. 24, at R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton, to Jill (nee Rogers) and Kevin, a daughter (Kirsty).

GOLDING.—On Feb 26, to Sarah (nee Sapsed) and Ian, a daughter (Felicity), a sister for Emma.

HAYNE.—On Feb. 25, to Jill (nee Kendall) and Christopher, a daughter (Charlotte Mabel), a sister for Tim.

HODSON.—On Feb. 25, to Gerald (nee Shortt) and CHRISTOPHER, a daughter.

HUGHES.—On Feb 25, at G.P. Hospital, Singapore, to Jenny (nee Moon) and Philip, a son (Anthony Oliver Richard).

HUNSPETH.—On Feb. 24, at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, to Jessy (nee Parrish) (IAN, Gaby and Jessy welcome brother OLIVER ANDREW, sister for life).

IRELAND.—On Feb. 25, at Presbyterian Hospital, Asheville, to Sandra (nee Hogg) and David, a daughter (Christina Elizabeth).

McMANUS.—On Feb. 5, at Princess Margaret Hospital, to Heather (nee Whitehead) and Rick, a son (James Donald).

MARCHANT. — On Feb. 24, at Bournemouth Hospital, to [illegible] (nee Bishop) and [illegible], a daughter (Francesca).

MOULDER.—On Feb. 21, at Royal Wood, to Carol (nee Wilding) and David, a daughter (Elizabeth).

PATTENDEN.—On Feb. 20, at St Thomas', Wimbledon, to Alison (nee Burnett) and Don, a daughter (Alinda Kate Marie), a sister for Mark.

PENN.—On Feb. 20, in Florence, to Caroline (nee Sidebottom) and Downsley, a daughter (Celine Francesca).

REYNOLDS.—On Feb. 20, at Queen Charlotte's, to Lise (nee Vernier) and Jeffrey, a daughter (Daniel, sister to Hugo and Guy).

SMITH (nee GILLIE).—On Feb. 6, at the Northampton General Hospital, to Jill (nee Walker) and PETER, a daughter (Sarah Mary).

STONE. — On Feb. 16, 1985, to Lynne (nee Winter) and Peter, a son (Benjamin Alexander Harry, brother for Daniel).

WESTBROOK.—On Feb. 23, at St Luke's, Guildford, to Alison (nee Baker) and Mark, a son (Daniel).

WARWICK.—On Feb. 23, at Royal Sussex County Hospital, to Lucia (nee Perez) and Simon, a daughter (Serena Maria), sister for Christopher, Lucinda and Jamie.

WRIGHT.—On Feb. 25, to Theresa (nee Grenside) and Les, a son (Mark James).

MARRIAGES

WOOLSTON—CURSON.—On Saturday, Feb. 23, at All Saints' Church, Great Melton, Norwich, Christopher Woolston, son of Jim Lil and Mrs Woolston, of Marlborough, Hampshire, to Sally Curson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Curson, of High House Farm, Great Melton, Norfolk.

SILVER WEDDING

HEWITT—[illegible].—On Feb. [illegible] 1960, at Holy Trinity, Trowbridge, Barry to [illegible].

RUBY WEDDING

DICKSON—MITCHELL.—On Feb. 1, 1945, at British American Church, Asmara, Eritrea, Derek L. Dickson, only Regular Army Rep., R.A.C., to Grace Mitchell, of Asmara, Eritrea.

P.M.R.A.F.N.S. Now at Chequers, St Travis, Cobham, Surrey.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On Sunday, Feb. 24, peacefully at St Christopher's Hospice, Lower Tooting, Harry Adams, dearly loved husband of Patricia, beloved father of Clare and Katrina and son of the late Harry and Ada Adams. Funeral service at All Saints', Beddington, on Friday, March 1, at 10.30 a.m. followed by cremation at Croydon. Family flowers only to Tributes & Son, Sutton. Donations to St Christopher's Hospice, S.A.E. to [illegible].

ASHWIN.—On Feb. 24, peacefully at home, to Vivienne, loving husband of Anne and father of Timothy. Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Maidenhead, on Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please. Donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. or British Heart Foundation.

ADAMS.—On Monday, Feb. 25, at Bristol Hospital, Ronald Gerald Adams, aged 63 years, of Broadwell Manor Farm, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, beloved husband of the late Rosie Adams, father of Pat, Peta and Piers. The funeral service will take place at St Lawrence Church, Broughton, on Friday, March 1, at 2.30 p.m. Please no flowers. Donations if desired for Broughton Church to H. W. Mason & Sons, 9, High Street, Newport Pagnell. tel. 611113.

ALEXANDER.—On Feb. 25, in Ashford Hospital, peacefully after very short illness, Lt. WILLIAM H. C. ALEXANDER, aged 88, of Chingford, and formerly Forest Row, beloved husband of the late Peggy, father of Pamela and Hugh and grandfather of Pauline, Teresa, David and Christopher. Funeral service St Margaret's Church, Chingford, at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 1, followed by private cremation. Enquiries and Sweet Crematorium. Flowers or donations to British Heart Foundation may be sent to Crematorium, Downs Court, Redhill.

BANBURY.—On Feb. 22, PHYLLIS BANBURY, aged 62 years, of 38, Fullers Close, Melksham, Wilts., late of Fairford, Heath, High Wycombe. Funeral service Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. Inquiries to H. Beales, tel. 0225 702521.

BANHAM.—On Feb. 25, at Great Brington, Northampton, Andrew Roy Banham, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., aged 59 years, much loved husband of Pamela, father of Jeremy, Susan and Nicholas, service at St Mary's, Great Brington, 12 noon, Tuesday, March 5. No flowers, please. Donations if desired to the Marie Curie Foundation, 19, Albany Court, Northampton NN1 4HB.

BEARD.—On Feb. 23, 1985, in a coma, Margaret Mary, of Glenwood House, Manor Fields, Putney, S.W.15. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Roehampton, on Monday, March 4, at 10 a.m., followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

BLAKELEY.—On Monday, Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully at Bill House, Leyden Road, Coleshill, Harold William BLAKELEY (Bill), aged 79, father of Ted and Joan. Very dearly loved by all his family. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Church of England Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, SE11 4QP.

BLESSLEY.—On Feb. 24, WALTER ROBERT, dearest husband of Hilda and father of Jane and David. Requiem at Heath Park Funeral Home, Seaford Road, Gorleston, until the service in the Chapel on Friday, March 1, at 1.15 p.m., and afterwards at Thorpe Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, Brompton Hospital, Fulham, London S.W.3.

BOLDRY.—On Feb. 21, 1985, after a short illness, Geoffrey Freeman Vere Boldry, late of Tisbury and Wimborne, dearest husband of Eunice Andrew.

BRANSON.—On Feb. 25, 1985, suddenly and unexpectedly at home, Jean Mary (nee Cobbold), another Ruth and Rosie, sister of Frank and John, and friend of Bob. Cremation, Friday, March 1, at 2.30 p.m., at Downs Crematorium, Brighton.

BROOKES.—On Feb 25, suddenly but peacefully at home, WILLIAM Raymond, aged 79, loved father of Ann. Funeral and cremation of Jew. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday, March 1, at 1.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

BROWN.—On Saturday, Feb. 23, 1985, peacefully after a short illness at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, ANDREW SAMUEL, beloved husband of Dorothea Bentley, Crombank, Kintown Road, Newton Stewart, Scotland.

BUCK.—On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully at her home in Crowborough, Doris, aged 87 years, dearly loved mother of Daphne and Dorothy, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family flowers only, but donations, please, to The Methodist Homes for the Aged. Funeral service at Rotherfield Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 5, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells.

BUTLER.—On Feb. 23, peacefully in hospital, Eve, beloved widow of Charles. Funeral service Golders Green Crematorium, Free Chapel, Friday, March 1, at 1.20 p.m.

BYRON.—On Feb. 22, in an air crash in West Africa, the Rev. Richard Noel, aged 37, much loved eldest son of Lieut.-Col. Lord Byron, D.S.O., and Lady Byron and brother of Robin. Memorial service will be held Thursday, March 7, at 12 noon, at Chelsea Old Church.

B. CHIVERS.—On Feb 22, at The Priory, Putney, Anne ELIZABETH, of 10, Lowther Road, Barnes, sister of Hilda. Funeral 11.30 a.m., Friday, March 1, at Mortlake Crematorium. Flowers to Sandon & Son, Barnes High St. S.W.13.

CLARK.—On Feb. 23, 1985, peacefully in Battle Hospital, Reading, Gertrude Ruby (nee Vallier), aged 86 years, formerly of Cambridge and Worcester, mother of Paul and Dominic. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Tilehurst, Reading, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m.

COLEMAN.—On Feb. 24, peacefully in hospital at Winchester, KATE (Kitty) Lucas, aged 84. Dearly loved by family and good friends. Funeral service on Feb. 28 at 2.45 p.m., St Michael's Church, Culver Road, Winchester.

COLTHURST.—On Feb. 23, 1985, at Fosse Hospital, CHARLES St John, of 3, St Catharines Road, Frome, beloved husband of Freda. Funeral service at Lower Parish Church, Friday, March 1, at 9.45 a.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

COLWELL.—On Monday, Feb. 25, peacefully at a Brighton nursing home, KATHLEEN MAUD (nee Bateman), of 15, Filmer's Avenue, Hove, widow of W. K. Colwell and much loved sister of Dora Grein, of Fareham, and aunt of Allan Grein, of Vancouver, B.C. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. Inquiries to Baker & Sons, Brighton 413464.

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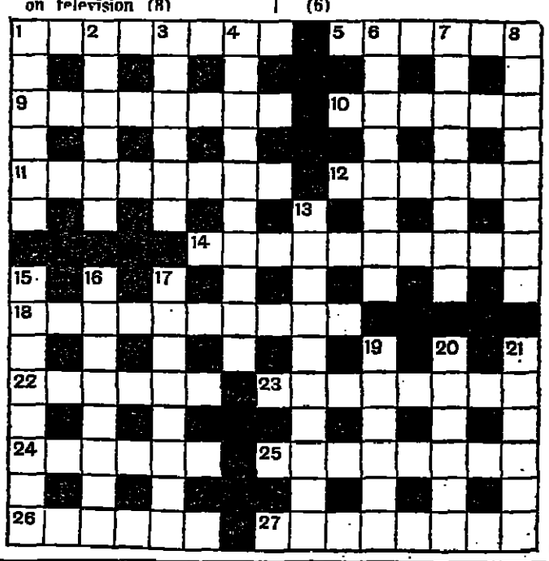

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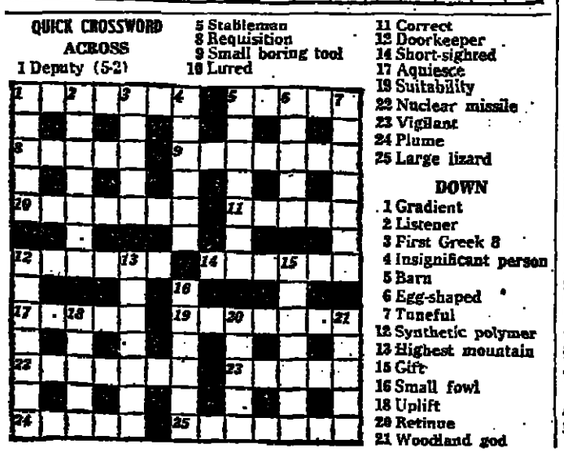

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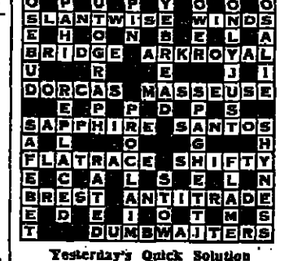

Yesterday's Quick Solution

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For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword*

THATCHER FIRM ON WARSHIPS ROW

By DAVID ADAMSON
Diplomatic Correspondent

NEW ZEALAND'S Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, arrives in London today for a five-day visit which is expected to be fraught with nuclear exchanges of a verbal sort.

In the seven months since Labour's election he has managed to change his country's international image from that of a place mildly embroiled in rows over rugby tours and sheepmeat prices into one where it stands at the centre of a blazing dispute over nuclear weapons.

His stand on refusing admission to New Zealand ports to American warships which might be carrying nuclear weapons threatens the country's continuation in its main alliance, the Anzus pact with the United States and Australia.

Mrs Thatcher is expected to tell him when they meet on Monday that visits by British warships, normally due next year, cannot take place as long as he demands assurances that they are not nuclear-powered or carrying nuclear weapons.

Britain, like America, does not declare whether its warships are nuclear-armed.

Mr Lange will not shift his position but he will make the point that he is not advocating unilateralism or nuclear disarmament for anyone else. His policy is one for New Zealand alone.

Test ban

The nuclear issue was placed prominently in his election programme and he pitched it to the top of his government's foreign policy agenda when he addressed the United Nations in New York last year.

New Zealanders, he declared, were alarmed at the continuing build-up of nuclear weapons by the super-powers and other nuclear weapons states.

After seeing Mrs Thatcher, Mr Lange will head for Geneva, where, on Tuesday, he will deliver a similar message to the U.N. disarmament conference.

SNUB IN U.S.
Low-level welcome

IAN BRODIE writes from Los Angeles: Mr Lange made a one-day stopover in Los Angeles yesterday vigorously to defend his Cabinet's ban on U.S. nuclear warships.

But he was made to feel the wrath of the Reagan administration. His sole Government greeter was a low-level official. Mr William Brown, a deputy assistant secretary at the State Department, who was expected to emphasise Washington's displeasure.

So far the U.S. has reacted to the ban by cancelling an air and sea exercise, disinviting New Zealand from anti-submarine manoeuvres and boycotting a joint meeting on military communications. In addition, Mrs Thatcher has sided with President Reagan in the dispute.

Yet in spite of finding himself in the role of outcast, Mr Lange, said on breakfast television that he could not envisage any United States threat or inducement that would persuade him to change his mind.

Counter-productive

To the contrary, he said, threats to New Zealand's population of 3·3 million would be counter-productive.

He reiterated his invitation for the United States to send a conventional warship to exercise with New Zealand's minuscule navy. This appears to be a doomed ploy because the United States Navy never discloses which of its vessels are "nuclear-capable." "We made a democratic decision. We decided that our security would be enhanced by not having nuclear weapons in and around our country," he said.

We could not understand why the United States might assume that an ally would shoulder part of the nuclear burden on behalf of another.

"We live in a part of the world which does not have nuclear arms and does not have a strategic imperative for nuclear arms. For us to be welcoming them would, in fact, be an escalation," he added.

Mr Lange said he did not think the row would lead to economic sanctions against New Zealand lamb and other products in the U.S.

Later, Mr Brown, the State Department official, said his hour-long meeting with Mr Lange was frank and candid, although friendly.

He had stressed that the United States wanted an "equitable resolution" of the Anzus dispute. He would not say if the two of them made any progress.

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By CLIFFORD GERMAN

World $ rush stemmed

in the currency markets failed to shake a growing feeling that still-higher interest rates are not the answer to the immediate weakness of sterling.

Three month deposits in the London inter-bank market fell by $^{3}/_{16}$ per cent. to 14$^{1}/_{16}$ per cent.

The city has however again revised downwards its opinion of how much the Chancellor can afford to reduce taxation in the Budget if inflation is to remain under control.

'Not pretty picture'

RICHARD BEESTON reports from Washington: The Federal Reserve Board Chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, yesterday warned congressmen that the huge American trade and Budget deficits could ultimately weaken the dollar and cause a precipitous decline.

Mr Volcker told a House of Representatives banking subcommittee that failure to trim the Budget deficit, expected to reach $222 billion this year, could boost interest rates and drive the dollar down.

"The scenario is there. I can't predict the timing but it is not a pretty picture to say the least," he declared.

"What rises excessively, at some point may fall."

Mr Volcker said high American interest rates were adding to the dollar's strength by attracting foreign capital. The inflow of funds was enabling the United States to finance its Budget deficit without visible damage to the economy.

But at some point, said Mr Volcker, market psychology would change. Foreign capital would leave the United States, a reversal of capital flow could lead to a clash between Government and private credit demands that would drive interest rates up sharply and damage the economy.

The best olicy was to reduce the deficit by cutting spending. Failing that, Congress should consider raising taxes.

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By JAMES WIGHTMAN

Attack on Thatcher

plained the concern in Europe at the continued rise of the US dollar against other currencies.

"I found this concern widely shared within the US administration, not least because of the adverse effect on their own agricultural and manufacturing industries, but it was recognised that no easy remedy existed.

"The President and I agreed that the best contribution the U.S. could make lay in a reduction of their budget deficit. The President has put specific proposals to Congress to this end.

"I argued strongly against protectionist measures as a way of dealing with the trade effects of the high dollar on the U.S. economy. I was assured that the Administration was not contemplating such measures."

The Prime Minister rejected calls from Dr Owen, SDP leader, and others for Britain to join the European Monetary System, saying that that would make no difference to sterling and could "inhibit some of our present freedom of action."

She did not believe there was any action which countries could have taken collectively which could have "stopped the surge of the American dollar on the scale which we have seen."

There were three possible explanations for the strength of the dollar: "The strength and free enterprise nature of the American economy. The high deficit and the interest rates necessary to finance it. The speculators who have been piling in."

Throughout an hour of exchanges the Prime Minister faced constant derision from the Opposition benches about her talks with Mr Reagan.

It began with loud Labour jeers when at the start of question time a Conservative MP congratulated her on the success of her visit last week.

It ended with Mr Dick Douglas, Labour MP for Dunfermline West, saying it was "a trifle embarrassing to watch the so-called Iron Lady casting herself like a simpering teenager with a crush on the B-film ageing actor."

The Prime Minister replied: "That is absolutely absurd and ridiculous."

The Prime Minister was also criticised by Opposition MPs over the main part of her talks with Mr Reagan, his space Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

Mrs Thatcher said in her statement: "We reaffirmed the four points agreed during my visit to Camp David in December and in particular that research as permitted under the anti-ballistic missile treaty, should go ahead but that eventual deployment of a defensive system in space would be a matter for negotiation under the terms of that treaty.

"I expressed the hope that British scientists would be associated with research into the strategic defence initiative."

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By JOHN RICHARDS

Pit strike 'nearly over'

They had intimated their willingness to the pit deputies union, Nacods, and also by telephone to the NUM.

"That was on Saturday night. By Sunday morning, they had once again changed their minds," said Mr Scargill.

"We responded as an executive, and submitted amendments, and we were turned down flat. It seems to the union that the Coal Board don't want a settlement of this dispute."

The NUM is keeping in touch with Mr Willis, who will report back on his peace moves to the TUC Liaison Committee, which is monitoring the dispute, today, ahead of a meeting of the full TUC general council.

The 24-man NUM executive meets in Sheffield tomorrow, and Mr Scargill said requests from the areas would be considered.

Mr Jack Taylor, Yorkshire area president, said yesterday that the record return by 615 miners in the coalfield was "too many."

"The only thing stopping talks is the Coal Board not being willing to have talks," he said.

Resolutions which had been defeated at the meeting included calls for a ballot, and for an organised return without a settlement.

Yesterday's return to work brought the total of miners returning since the beginning of the year to 24,497, according to the board, and those going back since the end of October 1984 to 41,345.

The previous highest number of "new faces" on a Tuesday was 964, on Nov. 20.

The board said yesterday that 63 million tonnes of coal output had been lost in the 1984-85 financial year, and 77 million tonnes since Oct. 1983, when the national overtime ban was imposed.

In the week ending Feb. 16, output fell to 725,000 tonnes compared with 746,000 tonnes in the previous week.

Earnings of miners lost during the dispute so far (up to Feb. 21) amount to £792 million, £660·5 million in the 1984-85 financial year.

Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokesman for the Coal Board, said the return to work was getting very near to having half the miners back.

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Commons Sketch

TORIES CHORUS DEVOTION

By EDWARD PEARCE

IN their scampering desire to please, Conservative backbenchers are as doggedly devoted as the chorus in "Rigoletto."

Mr Jonathan Aitken (who would fit very nicely into Dr Miller's Chicago South-Side production at the English National Opera) spoke of the Prime Minister's success in the United States being widely seen as strengthening the alliance.

Mr Ian Lloyd carried chorus line reverence a stage further by extending it to the Americans upon whom Mrs Thatcher seemed so keen—"Why not declare the dollar legal tender?" he asked like a man grateful for annexation.

Such support is hardly necessary since Mrs Thatcher, clearly overwhelmed by the courtesies of a simple forward-trading folk, was happy to flatter herself.

She responded to Mr Steel's unhappiness at her support in the Congressional speech for the "star wars" programme, with a modesty which kept up the general operatic tone of proceedings.

"Congress showed its appreciation in a very welcome way . . . with prolonged applause."

"I should 'ave a Valium if I were you," muttered Mr Skinner.

Hired assassin

Mrs Thatcher was on a sustained high most of the afternoon and was to carry loyalty to the United States a little beyond the call of reason.

She went on about the glories of their "underlying enterprise culture," something which in her eyes "nothing could have stopped."

In fairness, this line of argument is more than hem-kissing. At one dollar three and a half cents it is an alibi. All the same, her style yesterday had something of one who, being walked on all over, speaks highly of boots.

One of the requirements for any satisfactory staging of "Rigoletto" is a convincing performance of Sparafucile, the hired assassin who kills the wrong victim.

Until lately Mr Neil Kinnock, despite his amiability, might have seemed perfect casting. But the strain on the larynx which requires him to say less and say it more quietly makes this problematical.

Neil is in danger of becoming effective. He shrewdly paid her a compliment on the efforts to block American aid to the IRA, then, having feinted civility, followed up with left cross on "star wars" and a body punch on sterling.

Scholarly tack

"Did she propose to sit back and watch it shrivel below the level of one dollar?" With such material no one can altogether fail.

The Prime Minister herself fell back upon a fixed formula of a liturgical Government about the injury sustained by other European currencies.

Not even Mr Skinner on his thoughtful and scholarly tack, weighted index and the new raising points about the trade-premium on the lira at a forward rate, could throw her Old Style.

She simply plunged into those statistics. The post Congressional mood, however, was almost fatal.

Trying to evade Mr Kinnock's second line of questioning — Mr Reagan's alleged earlier promise to intervene on behalf of sterling — she stumbled into Mr Healey who rose like the Kraken to get her back on course.

Appalled by the vermillion vision, she turned to the Speaker and committed the gaffe of her Parliamentary career.

"I repeat what the facts are, Mr President," she replied.

Labour, who had spent an afternoon alleging servile adherence to a foreign power, selling out to the Yanks, the boiling down of gallant little New Zealand as nourishing mutton broth for the President, and general all-purpose transatlantic sycophancy, fell apart.

Slips of the tongue are inordinately trivial things, like dreams.

But like dreams they step clean out of the psyche and demand to be analysed. The feeling was that not all of Mrs Thatcher has quite come back to us.

She fingers, in part, amid the legislative representatives of that "enterprise culture" who interrupted and cheered her 16 separate times. Doubtless we can get her back, but we shall need a ladder.

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MAFIA CHIEFS ARRESTED

By Our New York Staff

The bosses of New York's five major organised crime "families" have been arrested by Federal agents in a unique crackdown on the Mafia.

They have been charged with "criminal enterprise." Never before have all five been rounded up by the FBI in a single swoop.

Report—P19

PERCY THROWER HAS LUNG CLOT

Percy Thrower, 72, the gardening expert, is back in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital after being discharged at the weekend following a heart attack.

He has a suspected blood clot on the lung. His condition is said to be stable.

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DEATHS (Continued)

CUMBLEY.—On Feb. 25, suddenly, ENID ALICE, wife of J.m. (Jack) of Pasquel Road, Muchead. Donations if desired to the Cancer Society. Cremation at Tamworth, 3 p.m. on Friday, March 1.

DANN. — On Feb. 25, peacefully, DOROTHY MARY, aged 83, widow of THOMAS LINTON DANN. Funeral service at Hoo St Werburgh Parish Church, 11.30 p.m., Friday, March 1. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Church Restoration Fund.

DAVIES.—On Feb. 25, suddenly at his home in Rushington, CHARLES HUGH, aged 88 years, dearly loved husband of the late Esther (nee May), father of Ivor and Daniel and grandfather of Anthony. Service on Tuesday, March 5, at Worthing Crematorium, 3.15 p.m. Flowers may be sent to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Worthing 54316.

DAWSON.—On Feb. 23, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, STANLEY, husband of the late Dorothy Lois (nee Halsey) and dearly loved father of Jean. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium, Feb. 28, at 10.40 a.m. Any flowers to Francis Chappell & Son, 251, High Street, Bromley.

DAWSON-CURREY. — On Feb. 24, suddenly at home in Lintatewan, Natal, Joyce Ethel, aged 86, beloved mother of Rosamund, Irene, Angela and Marmaduke.

DAYKIN.—On Feb. 21, peacefully in hospital, ELIZABETH (Betty), beloved wife of Philip and loving mother of Jean, Andrew and Anne. Funeral service at St Albans Abbey on Friday, March 1, at 2.15 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, Southdown House, South Street, Ansmerring-on-Sea, W. Sussex.

HEWENS.—On Feb. 23, in a Hindhead nursing home, MARGERY, aged 80 years, widow of LESLIE H. HEWENS, of Aldershot. Cremation at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot, on Tuesday, March 5, at 3 p.m. No flowers, but donations if desired to National Trust.

HEY. — On Feb. 24, suddenly at home, NANCY, beloved wife of Bill. Service at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton, at 10.45 a.m., Friday, March 1, followed by private cremation. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton, c/o the Rector.

HILL.—On Feb. 24, peacefully, after a short illness, G. ROY, of Symondsbury, former Master at Bridport Grammar School. Service at Symondsbury Methodist Church, March 1, at 12.15 p.m. Family flowers only.

HOG.—On Feb. 24, 1985, peacefully at home in Eastbourne, PATRICIA MCINTYRE, beloved wife of Dick and dearest mother of Roderick and Robin. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday, March 6, at 10 a.m. Flowers to Heine & Son Ltd., 19, South Street, Eastbourne, Sussex.

HOULT.—On Feb. 25, at Guildford, MYRTLE EDITH (Tim) (nee Colthorpe), wife of Raymond, mother of Bernard and Sylvia. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, 11 a.m., March 4. Flowers to G. Titcomb & Son, Mendrecroft, Bridge Road, Godalming, Surrey.

HOWITT.—On Feb. 25, 1985, peacefully in hospital, HILDA RUTH, aged 78 years, Irving, wife of ALAN (Jasper Howitt). By request, family flowers only, donations to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Worthing 54316.

HOWLAND.—On Feb. 25, at home in Berkshire, Diana, aged 79 years, wife of the late Francis Howland, beloved mother of Joan and grandmother of Jonathan, Sarah and Francis. Service at Farnborough Park Crematorium at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, March 1. Family flowers only, but donations to The Samaritans if desired. c/o David Green, Duke's Ride, Crowthorne (0344) 772431.

HUNT.—On Feb. 23, at New Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, Dennis Robert, B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc., F.R.Ae.S., aged 58 years, of Langley, Nr. Richmond, Cherry Burton, North Humberside, beloved husband of Helen, loved father of John, Robert, Richard and Sarah. Funeral service at Cherry Burton Church, North Humberside, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. No flowers, please, but donations to British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research Campaign Churches, c/o National Westminster Bank, Market Place, Beverley, North Humberside.

IVSON.—On Tuesday, Feb. 26, peacefully in Smithwold Hospital, Joyce Margaret. Funeral at Gorrington Crematorium on Friday, March 1, at 12.30 p.m. Donations if desired to League of Friends of Smithwold Hospital.

IRONSIDE. — On Feb. 25, WILLIAM DALTON (Bingham), A.R.I.B.A., of Manors Place, Tetterdon. Missed by Colin, Penny, family and friends. Cremation at Charing, Friday, March 1, at 4 p.m. Family flowers only.

JENNINGS.—On Feb. 21, at St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Rev. FRANK JENNINGS, M.B.E., aged 94. Service at Sutton United Reformed Church on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 12.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Morden Crematorium. No flowers, by request.

JOBSE.—On Feb. 14, in Switzerland, ROLF, beloved husband of Petra. His death was sudden but painless. He will be greatly missed. The funeral has already taken place in Leatherhead. Contact address, 11, Warren Close, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 0LQ.

JOHNSON. — On Feb. 26, 1985, peacefully at the Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, STANLEY ARTHUR MALE (Sam), beloved husband of Pam, dad of Carol, Paula and Gay and much loved by all his family. Funeral service on Tuesday, March 5, at 2.30 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, Costessey. Family flowers only.

JONES.—On Feb. 23, peacefully at her home, Tyn-y-Cae, Talybont, Aberystwyth, DIANE WINIFRED (Bidda), beloved wife of PAT JONES and devoted teacher of Sian. Public service at Talybont Church, tomorrow (Thursday), Feb. 28, at 11 a.m.

JONES.—On Feb. 26, peacefully at her home, Boyston, St. Dennis, nr. Cliffe, Kent, ISABEL ALICE, aged 104, widow of CHARLES JONES.

JONES.—On Feb. 25, 1985, suddenly at Felixstowe, Suffolk, Lieutenant Commander FRANK, husband of Gladys, dearest father of Jennifer, brother-in-law of Geoff and a dear grandfather of Lisa and Claire. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Felixstowe, on Tuesday, March 5, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired, for either the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution or the British Heart Foundation may be sent, c/o Fairlane Funeral Service, 126, High Road West, Felixstowe.

JONES.—On Feb. 24, 1985, suddenly, MERLIN HYWEL JONES, of Barn Lodge and formerly of Chelsea Hospital. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, on Sunday, March 3, at 11.30 a.m.

JORDAN.—On Feb. 25, 1985, tragically in Hillingdon Hospital, LORNE, of Carshalton Beeches, dearly loved eldest daughter of Margery and Stephen and much loved sister of Emma, and Nicola. All inquiries to F. A. Hopkins & Son Ltd. 01-642 8211.

JORDISON.—On Sunday, Feb. 24, 1985, peacefully at her home, Endrick, Herbert Road, Salcombe, Dorothy STELLA, aged 67 years, widow of Dr. Frank. Funeral service at Salcombe Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Bodmin Hill Cemetery.

KAY.—On Feb. 21, 1985, peacefully, MARY (Teddy), STUART, widow of ANDREW KAY, dear sister of Isobel and Eric Mackay. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday, March 1, at 3.55 p.m.

KEMP.—On Feb. 24, 1985, in hospital and of Fairhaven, Dorset, St Agnes, STANLEY. Further inquiries, tel. 0253 735423.

KEARSEY.—On Feb. 24, peacefully at Basingstoke District Hospital, HAROLD EDWARD, of Sherfield-on-Loddon, husband of Cecile, father of Heather and Peter. Funeral service on Monday, March 4, at 2.30 p.m. at Reading Crematorium. No flowers, but donations for Basingstoke District Hospital, c/o A. Monger Ltd., funeral directors, Basingstoke St John, near Basingstoke, Hants.

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